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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

1. INTRODUCTION

- *GOAL*
- *STATE LAW*
- *RELATED PLANS AND PROGRAMS*
- *PARKLAND DEDICATION STANDARDS*
- *SERVICE AREAS*
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GOAL

The Newport Beach Recreation and Open Space Element is an expression of the City's objectives for high quality open space and recreation facilities. The Goal of the Element is to:

Maintain a recreation and open space system which meets the recreational needs of the citizens of Newport Beach and which enhances the unique recreational and environmental resources of the City.

This Element is designed to achieve this goal and to satisfy the requirements of state law.

STATE LAW

The California Government Code requires preparation of a general plan, which "…shall consist of a statement of development policies and shall include a diagram or diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards, and plan proposals." (Sec. 65302)

Government Code Section 65302(e) further requires that an open space element be prepared and carried out (as one of the seven mandated elements of the general plan). Open space elements are required so as to ensure that every city and county will implement open-space plans which, along with related state and regional plans, will create a comprehensive permanent network of open space. Section 65560 states that, "'Open Space Land' is any parcel or area of land or water which is essentially unimproved and devoted to an open-space use…", and which is designated on the open-space plan as any of the following:

- Open space for the preservation of natural resources.
- Open space for the managed production of resources.
- Open space for outdoor recreation.
- Open space for public health and safety.

The law also requires that "... every local open-space plan shall contain an action program consisting of specific programs which the legislative body intends to pursue in implementing its open-space plan." (Sec. 65564).

State law does not mandate the preparation of a general plan recreation element. However, recreation issues are logically related to those addressed in the open space element. Therefore, parks and recreation facilities and programs are closely linked to the preservation and enhancement of open space in this element.

RELATED PLANS AND PROGRAMS

There are a number of plans and programs created through state, county and local action which are related to Newport Beach's open space system. These plans and programs, administered by a variety of agencies and districts, form the regional open space system for this part of Orange County. Where appropriate, relevant goals and policies from these plans and programs have been adapted to and incorporated into the Element to ensure the continued conservation of local and regional open space resources.

Other General Plan Elements

Three Elements of the City's General Plan augment the Recreation and Open Space Element in providing policy for open space and natural resource management. They include the Land Use Element, which specifies the arrangement, location and extent of various land uses throughout the City including appropriate open space designations; the Circulation Element, which includes the Master Plan of Bikeways (designating routes for on- and off-road bike trails); and the Conservation Element, which provides policies for the conservation, development and use of specified natural resources.

Local Coastal Program

The 1976 California Coastal Act was enacted to protect the natural and scenic qualities of the California coast and to promote public access. The Coastal Act requires that each jurisdiction with land in the coastal zone prepare a local coastal program. The local coastal program is required to provide a series of policies and standards that conserve and enhance the coastal resources within a community. The heart of the City of Newport Beach's *Local Coastal Program* is the *Land Use Plan*, which contains a number of policies relating to such resources as environmentally sensitive areas, coastal open space and recreation resources, and coastal view preservation. These resources are closely related to recreation and open space considerations. Therefore, appropriate policies from the LUP are reiterated or referenced in this Element.

County of Orange General Plan

Recreation Element: The County of Orange General Plan Recreation Element contains policies which relate to the acquisition, development, operation, maintenance and financing of County recreation facilities. These include regional recreation facilities, local parks and riding and hiking and equestrian trails.

Resources Element: The County's Resources Element includes an inventory of the county-wide resources such as agricultural, mineral, and wildlife resources, energy, water, air, open space, and cultural-historic resources.

PARKLAND DEDICATION STANDARDS

Quimby Act

The state Government Code provides for the dedication of parkland, or the payment of fees in lieu of land, by developers as a requirement for residential development. The applicable section, known as the *Quimby Act*, states that "... the dedication of land, or the payment of fees, or both, shall not exceed the proportionate amount necessary to provide three acres of park area per 1,000 persons residing within a subdivision subject to this section, unless the amount of existing neighborhood and community park area, as calculated pursuant to this subdivision, exceeds that limit, in which case the legislative body may adopt the calculated amount as a higher standard not to exceed five acres per 1,000..." (Gov. Code Sec. 66477(b)).

City Park Dedication Ordinance

A city's parkland dedication requirements are central to the implementation of any recreation and open space element. The Newport Beach park dedication ordinance states that new residential development shall be responsible for the: "... dedication of land, or payment of fees, or both, shall not exceed a proportionate amount necessary to provide three acres of park per one thousand persons residing within a subdivision ... unless the amount of existing neighborhood and community park area ... exceeds three acres per one thousand persons ..." (*Municipal Code Section 19.50.030*). In the latter case the ordinance states that up to five acres per one thousand persons may be required.

At the time of the above Quimby Act amendment limiting park dedication ratios, the City showed that the amount of existing park area was actually over five acres per thousand persons. Therefore, the City's park dedication requirement was set at five acres per thousand persons.

The park dedication ordinance allows for either dedication of land designated for park use or for the payment of in-lieu fees or a combination of the two. In-lieu fees are placed in a fund earmarked for the provision or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities "...reasonably related to serving the subdivision ...". This has been defined in the City's Park Fee Policy (Appendix ...) as facilities which are located within the same Service Area as the subdivision responsible for the fee (see Service Area map, Fig. ...), or for the development of facilities determined to be citywide resources per the Park Fee Policy. These citywide resources include all community parks and view parks.

The park dedication ordinance also provides for credit to be given, at the discretion of the City Council, for the provision of private recreation facilities within a new residential development or for the provision of park and recreation improvements to land dedicated for a public park. If allowed, the private facilities or public improvements are credited against the dedication of land and/or the payment of in-lieu fees.

SERVICE AREAS

The City has been divided into service areas for the purposes of park planning and to equitably administer parkland dedications and fees provided by residential development. These service areas (shown on Figure1-1) are:

Service Area 1 - West Newport: Coastal area west of the Newport Pier, including West Newport, Newport Shores, Lido Peninsula, and Newport Island.

Service Area 2 - Balboa Peninsula: Bay Island and the peninsula, from the Newport Pier to the jetty.

Service Area 3 - Newport Heights/Upper Bay: Newport Heights, Harbor Highlands and adjacent area along the Upper Newport Bay north to Santa Isabel Street.

Service Area 4 - Santa Ana Heights: Santa Ana Heights and airport area bounded by Campus Drive on the west and north.

Service Area 5 - Lower Bay: Lido Isle, Linda Isle, Harbor Island, and Promontory Point/Bayside Drive area.

Service Area 6 - Balboa Island: Balboa Island.

Service Area 7 - Eastbluff/Newport North: The Eastbluff and North Ford areas.

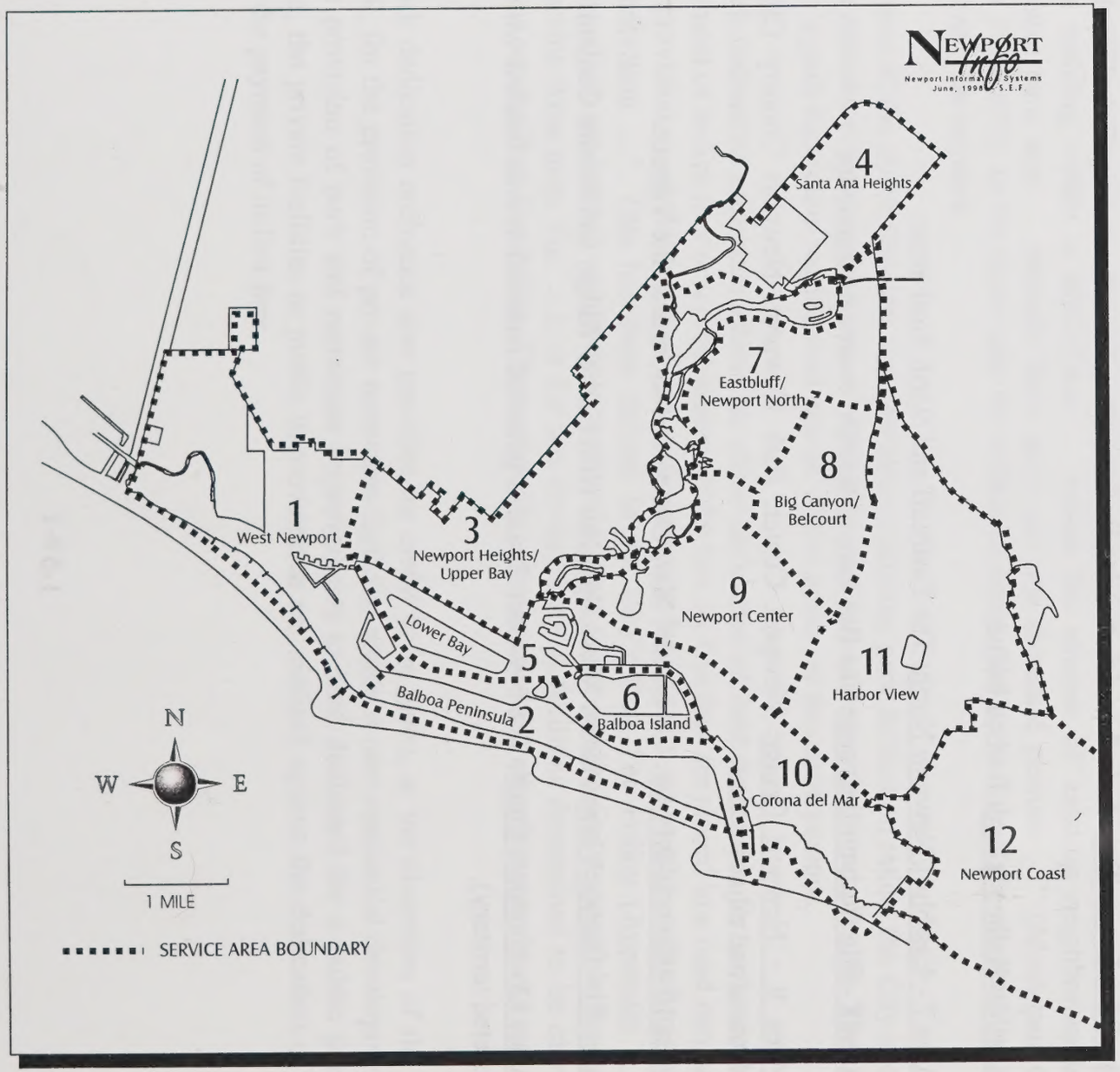
Service Area 8 - Big Canyon/Belcourt: The Big Canyon and Belcourt developments.

Service Area 9 - Newport Center: Newport Center, Park Newport, Newport Country Club, Newport Dunes, and adjacent area.

Service Area 10 - Corona del Mar: Corona del Mar, Cameo Shores, and Irvine Terrace.

Service Area 11 - Harbor View: Harbor View, Spyglass Hill, Harbor Ridge, and Bonita Canyon.

Service Area 12 - Newport Coast: The Newport Coast (a potential annexation area located within unincorporated territory).



SERVICE AREA
KEY MAP

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CALIFORNIA

Newport Beach
Recreation &
Open Space Plan

FIGURE 1-1

ISSUES

There are a number of special issues which affect the City's ability to provide recreation facilities and open space for its existing and future residents. These are identified in this Chapter and addressed in greater detail later in the Element.

New Development And Population Increases

Although the City of Newport Beach appears largely built out, there are a number of vacant parcels. The General Plan Land Use Element projects additional population increases, through infill development and annexations, from approximately 69,600 in 1998 to an ultimate maximum potential of 81,000 (excluding future annexations). Therefore, the demand for recreation facilities will also grow -- in addition to any unmet park and recreation needs of the present population.

The above population increases translate to the need for additional recreation facilities in some Service Areas. These needed facilities are identified in Chapter 4.

Future Annexation Areas

Important potential annexation areas located adjacent to the City are shown on Figure 1-2. If such areas are annexed, demand for recreation facilities by residents of the areas must be addressed, as well as existing and future park and recreation facilities located in these areas which might help satisfy that demand.

Ciosa: Circulation And Improvement And Open Space Agreement

In 1992, the City Council adopted Development Agreement No. 6, through which the City of Newport Beach and the Irvine Company entered into the Circulation Improvement and Open Space Agreement (CIOSA). The agreement resulted in various building entitlements for the Irvine Company, in exchange for which the City of Newport Beach will receive pre-payment of required "fair-share" road improvement fees, a commitment to construct road improvements adjacent to the proposed projects, an interest free loan, and land for open space and potential senior housing sites. The open space land dedication was substantially more than what would have been required under the City's General Plan and its Park Dedication Ordinance.

This Element addresses the role of the CIOSA agreement in providing for the present and future recreation and open space needs of the community.

POTENTIAL ANNEXATION AREAS

Newport Beach Recreation & Open Space Plan

POTENTIAL ANNEXATION AREAS

CITY BOUNDARY

FIGURE 1-2

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Newport Information Systems
June, 1996 S.E.F

Sharing of Recreation Facilities

Public schools within the City administered by the Newport-Mesa Unified School District contain a number of important recreation facilities, including playfields, swimming pools, gymnasiums, and other facilities. Policies to foster cooperation with the School District to maximize after-school recreational use of these facilities are contained in this Element (see Chapter 3, Objective No. 3).

ESA's: Environmentally Sensitive Areas

The City's Local Coastal Program (LCP) identifies a number of environmentally sensitive areas. These are mostly water-associated habitats such as marine intertidal, riparian, or marsh areas. They include all or portions of the following areas: Santa Ana River Mouth/Oxbow Loop, North Star Beach, Westbay, Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, San Diego Creek, Eastbluff Remnant, Mouth of Big Canyon, Newporter North, Buck Gully, Morning Canyon, Corona del Mar Marine Life Refuge, and Castaways. These environmentally sensitive areas are described in detail in the Local Coastal Program. The Recreation and Open Space Element contains policies designed to enhance recreational and open space qualities, consistent with their sensitivity and their overriding need for preservation as expressed in the LCP.

Beach And Harbor Facilities

The recreation needs survey conducted for the preparation of this Element identified additional recreation facilities desired by residents of the City. A significant percentage of the survey respondents expressed a desire for additional public boat launching and sailing facilities within the City. This need is addressed in the chapter on Objectives and Policies.

TYPES OF PARKS

This Element refers to various types of parks, open space, and other recreation-related terms. These terms, including suggested park sizes, locations, type of improvements, and anticipated use, are described below.

Community Park

Community parks serve the entire City and are easily accessible via arterial roads. Community parks are those with improvements such as community buildings, parking, swimming, facilities for picnicking, active sports, and other facilities that serve a larger population. Community Parks may have a particular theme or orientation such as active sports or aquatic facilities.

Mini Park

Mini parks are smaller parks which may take one of two different forms. Most mini parks are less than one acre in size, serve a quarter-mile radius and are located within a neighborhood, separate from major or collector roads. Some mini parks serve the entire City and are located as urban trail heads along major trails or streets.

Conventional mini parks may include play apparatus, passive green spaces or a focus on one active sport such as tennis or basketball. Mini parks which serve as staging areas may include drinking fountains, restrooms, benches, shady trees, bicycle racks or, in some cases, parking.

Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood parks serve all ages and are generally one to eight acres in size. (Some existing neighborhood parks are smaller and some are larger than this standard.) They are located adjacent to public schools when possible. Neighborhood parks contain a wide variety of improvements which can include turf areas, active sport fields and courts, community buildings, play apparatus and picnic facilities. Other improvements might include senior center, youth center and aquatic facilities.

Neighborhood parks which include unique recreational facilities, such as basketball courts, tennis courts, turf areas, active sports fields, community buildings, unique play areas, or view parks are considered citywide resources used by all citizens.

View Park

View parks are smaller passive parks designed to take advantage of a significant view. They are often located on coastal bluffs to focus upon ocean or bay views. Most view parks are between one-half to three acres in size and serve the entire City. View parks are generally improved with landscaping, walkways and benches.

Bikeways

Backbone bikeways are major throughway trails that connect to regional trails. They are primarily on major roads and serve the functional and recreational cyclist. Secondary Bikeways connect to backbone trails and serve cyclists and children riding to and from school.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Environmentally Sensitive Areas are those passive open space areas possessing unique environmental value which may warrant some form of protection or preservation. Such areas include, but are not limited to:

- Areas supporting species which are rare, endangered, of limited distribution or otherwise sensitive.
- Riparian areas
- Freshwater marshes d. Saltwater marshes
- Intertidal areas
- Other wetlands
- Unique or unusually diverse vegetative communities.

Greenbelt

Greenbelts in public or private ownership are included in this category. They may include areas with some recreational facilities, although the primary function of the area is passive open space.

Jogging Trail

These trails are routes commonly used for community wide running events sponsored by the City.

Marine Life Refuge

The Marine Life Refuge is located in tidelands off the coast of Corona del Mar. It is managed by the state Department of Fish and Game and exists for the purpose of protecting marine and intertidal life.

Open Space

Open space includes passive and active open space areas which do not function as public parks but do provide open space relief. Such areas may or may not be accessible to the general public.

Pedestrian Trail

Pedestrian trails include, improved or unimproved walkways or sidewalks located within park, beach, greenbelt, or open space areas.

Public Beach

Public Beaches serve a number of local and regional functions. In some neighborhoods, beaches function as neighborhood or community parks. Easy accessibility, lack of entrance fees and a lack of other available parks has contributed to this function. Public beaches all include sandy beach areas adjacent to the bay or ocean and may include active sports, snack bars, showers, drinking fountains, restrooms, walkways, docks, benches, shade trees and parking areas. From observation, it has been determined that active beach recreation takes place within about 100 feet of the water's edge. Therefore, this Element treats this seaward 100 feet of the public beaches in the City as active recreation acreage.

Recreation Trail

Recreation trails incorporate two or more trail types, including bicycle, equestrian and pedestrian, and typically include rest stop amenities and provide links between parks and open space areas.

Regional Equestrian Trail

Regional Equestrian trails are backbone routes designated in the Orange County General Plan Transportation Element.

Restricted Access Overlay

This overlay notes areas where, due to hazards, safety or lack of improved trails, access is limited.

Scenic Highway and Scenic Drive

Scenic Highways are designated by the state Department of Transportation (CalTrans) as throughways with significant scenic qualities. Scenic drives are local City designated roads that enable scenic vistas for the motorist, bicyclist or pedestrian. Key views include the bay and ocean.

School

Public schools are a part of the recreation system in the City because field and playground areas can serve the general public during weekends and after school. All existing schools and school sites are therefore shown in this Element's Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Staging Area

Staging areas are suggested gathering or drop-off locations for connecting to equestrian, pedestrian, jogging or bicycle trails or area beaches.

Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve

The reserve, which is managed by the State Department of Fish and Game, is set aside for resource protection, water maintenance, and educational and recreational purposes.

CHAPTER 2.
NEEDS

2. NEEDS

- *PARKLAND SUMMARY*
- *COMMUNITY SURVEYS*
- *PARKLAND ACREAGE NEEDS*
- *CITYWIDE NEEDS*
- *SERVICE AREA NEEDS*
- *REGIONAL NEEDS*

This Chapter describes the needs of the residents of Newport Beach for open space land and recreation facilities as identified through community surveys, observation, and other sources.

PARKLAND SUMMARY

Table 2-1 (*Parkland Acreage Needs*), later in this chapter, shows the amount of existing (1998) and future parkland needed by service area. The following acreage needs were identified:

- **In 1998, the City contained 309 acres of park and active beach recreation areas (including Bonita Canyon but excluding the Newport Coast, West Newport and other potential annexation areas).**

- **The above recreation acreage is 39 acres less than the computed 1998 need of 348 acres. However, approximately 47 acres of new active parks in and near the Bonita Canyon annexation area were in the planning stage and scheduled for development starting in 1999.**

- **Approximately 68 acres of existing school recreation land is also available to City residents during off-school hours.**

- **At total City buildout, there will be a need for 405 acres of park land at the City's projected (2010) ultimate population of 81,000 (again excluding potential annexation areas).**

COMMUNITY SURVEYS

The Technical Appendix includes the results of a survey of the recreation needs of residents and of sports team coaches and officials conducted by the City from December 1996 to February 1997. Because of the nature of these surveys and the relatively small number of respondents, the results do not reflect a scientific sample. **However, the survey results are consistent with and reinforced by: (1) comments made to the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission by residents, and (2) the observations of Community Services staff in the administration of park facilities and recreation programs.** Significant results include:

Residents' Survey

1. **The most requested public recreational facilities were walking paths (60%), bike trails (47%), community/indoor swimming pools (34%), lighted tennis courts (25%), and roller rink/rollerblade facilities (24%).**
2. The most requested adult activities were adult pool sports (22%) and adult indoor volleyball (17%).
3. The most requested youth activities were youth pool sports (52%) and youth soccer (51%). In addition, substantial percentages of respondents requested facilities for youth gymnastics, rollerskating, basketball, baseball/softball, and track and field.
4. Overall, 36% of residents felt the City needed more recreational facilities for adults and 26% felt the City needed more recreational facilities for children.
5. Persons between the ages of 36-45 had the largest attendance (81%) at City-sponsored classes/activities.

Coaches & Officials Survey

1. **There is a need for more sports fields (identified by 41% of respondents) and better maintenance of existing fields (23%).**
2. In the future, the City will need more soccer fields (esp. lighted, as identified by 70% of respondents), baseball/softball fields (51%), rollerblade facilities (42%), and gymnasiums (41%).
3. More space will be needed for indoor recreational facilities in the future (74%).
4. More facilities will be needed for adult soccer, baseball, aquatics, and basketball in the future.
5. More facilities will be needed for youth soccer, baseball/softball, rollerhockey, and basketball in the future.

See Policy 2.1: *Facility and Locational Needs* in Chapter 3 for further discussion of identified recreation and open space needs.

PARKLAND ACREAGE NEEDS

The following table is a summary of existing park and recreation acreage plus acreage needed to meet the City's standard of five acres per 1000 residents -- both as of June 1998 and at projected City buildout in 2010 (service area boundaries are shown in Figure 1-1):

TABLE 2-1: PARKLAND ACREAGE

Service Area	EXISTING PARK ACREAGE: JUNE 1998					FUTURE PARK ACREAGE: 2010			School Recreation Acreage
	Park Acres Needed	Park Acres Existing	Active Beach Recreation Acreage	Combined Park/ Beach Acreage	Deficit (-) Excess (+)	Projected Park Need	Existing Park/ Beach Acreage	Projected Deficit (-) Excess (+) **	
1: West Newport	**64.7**	9.1	34	**43.1**	**- 21.6**	**70.9**	**43.1**	**- 27.8**	0
2: Balboa Peninsula	**25.5**	6.5	44	**50.5**	**+ 25.0**	**27.9**	**50.5**	**+ 22.6**	3.3
3: Newport Hts. et al	**64.3**	50.2	0	**50.2**	**- 14.1**	**69.7**	**50.2**	**- 19.5**	37.8
4: Santa Ana Heights	**3.2**	2.0	0	**2.0**	**- 1.2**	**3.2**	**2.0**	**- 1.2**	0
5: Lower Bay	**17.3**	0.1	0	**0.1**	**- 17.2**	**23.1**	**0.1**	**- 23.0**	0
6: Balboa Island	**17.9**	0.3	1	**1.3**	**- 16.6**	**19.6**	**1.3**	**- 18.3**	0
7: Eastbluff	**31.3**	71.0	0	**71.0**	**+ 39.7**	**35.7**	**71.0**	**+ 35.3**	22.8
8: Big Canyon	**13.9**	0	0	**0**	**- 13.9**	**16.5**	**0**	**- 16.5**	0
9: Newport Center	**10.9**	4.0	0	**4.0**	**- 6.9**	**11.1**	**4.0**	**- 7.1**	0
10: Corona del Mar	**44.4**	23.9	11.4	**35.3**	**- 9.1**	**48.6**	**35.3**	**- 13.3**	0
11: Harbor View*	**54.6**	51.9	0	**51.9**	**- 2.7**	**63.8**	**51.9**	**- 11.9**	4.6
Totals	**348**[1]	219	90[2]	**309**	**- 39**	**405**[3]	**309**	**- 96****	68.5
12:	Newport Coast Private Park Area: 58.1 ac.					50	58.1	+8.1	

* Including the annexed Bonita Canyon area. ** Deficit/excess acreage if no additional parks are built.

1 69,600 x 5 ac. per thousand = 348 ac.

2 Includes beach area where active recreation takes place -- i.e. typically within 100 feet of the water. In addition, there are 174 acres of passive beach open space, 136 acres of open space land in the Upper Bay ecological reserve, and an undetermined amount of water open space in the Upper Bay and Newport Harbor.

3 81,000 (estimated 2010 pop.) x 5 ac. per thousand = 405 ac. (including Bonita Canyon but excluding potential future annexation areas, such as the Newport Coast)

The above Citywide totals do not include parkland in future annexation areas, such as the Newport Coast, because such areas are not presently in the City.

Existing and projected parkland needs were derived from the *Inventory of Existing Facilities* and *Population by Service Area* tables in the Technical Appendix. The acreage results in the above table are addressed later in this chapter under *Citywide Needs* and *Service Area Needs*.

CITYWIDE NEEDS

The citywide and service area needs described in the following sections have been identified through the community surveys referred to earlier in this Chapter, through the data in Table 2-1 *Parkland Acreage Needs*, and through monitoring of the use of recreation programs and facilities. These needs are further addressed in Policy 2.1: *Facility and Locational Needs*, in Chapter 3 and in the Facilities Plan in Chapter 4.

Parkland

The City's parkland standard is five acres per 1000 population. (This is a little lower than the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards, which recommend a range of 6.25 to 10.5 acres per 1000 population of local or close to home recreation open space. "Local or close to home" refers to mini-parks, neighborhood park/playgrounds and community parks.) For purposes of this Recreation and Open Space Element, the City's five-acre standard will be used.

In June of 1998, the City contained 309 acres of park and active beach recreation area (less parks in future annexation areas). This was 39 acres less than the computed 1998 need of 348 acres and 96 acres less than the need of 405 acres at the City's projected 2010 population of 81,000. However, as noted at the beginning of this chapter, approximately 47 acres of new active parks in and near the Bonita Canyon annexation area (plus additional passive open space) were in the planning stage at adoption of this Recreation and Open Space Element. These parks were scheduled for development starting in 1999.

Sports Fields

Perhaps the fastest growing recreational demand in Newport Beach is the need for additional sports fields, especially lighted facilities available for after-work sports leagues. This need stems from the growing participation of girls in a number of field sports, the lengthening of seasons for many sports and consequent season overlap, the need for sports facilities for the physically challenged, and the continuing high level of participation in company sports leagues such as coed softball. Meeting this need will be a challenge because of the large amount of area required for sports fields, the lack of suitable vacant land in the City, and the high cost of such land. Regional recreation resources in the City, such as public beaches and the Upper Newport Bay, are not suitable for general park use or for meeting these active sport-recreational needs.

Indoor Facilities

The community surveys emphasized the need for additional gymnasium or other indoor sports facilities, such as for basketball, volleyball, and gymnastics. Additional indoor facilities should be planned for the long-term, located preferably within a community-level park.

Community Pool Facilities

The need surveys showed a strong desire for additional adult and youth swimming pool and aquatic sports facilities and programs. For example, 34 percent of respondents listed community/indoor swimming pools as a requested public recreational facility. The most requested adult activities were adult pool sports (22%), while the most requested youth activities were youth pool sports (52%).

Boating Facilities

Although not as great as the need for sports fields, there is a substantial demand for public boat launching facilities, marine sanitation facilities, and guest slips. In addition, there is a continuing high level of interest in crew rowing and outrigger paddling activities and facilities.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas

ESA's located in and around the Upper Newport Bay and tideland, canyon, and natural areas away from the Upper Bay should be protected and open to the level of public access consistent with this protection.

School Facilities

The statewide effort to reduce class sizes has generated the need for additional classroom space at the local level. This could cause the Newport-Mesa Unified School District to reactivate "dormant" school sites presently leased to the City for recreational purposes and could impact the availability of sports fields for group sports such as soccer, softball, and little league.

Park Dedication Ordinance and Park Fee Policy

The City's current Park Dedication Ordinance works in conjunction with its Park Fee Policy to control the dedication of park land and in-lieu park fees. These documents, along with agreements such as CIOSA, have served the City well in effecting the acquisition of new park land. However, as part of the present Element overhaul, applicable standards and other provisions should be re-examined to determine if revisions and/or refinements are needed.

SERVICE AREA NEEDS

Service Area 1 - West Newport: Most of West Newport's recreation land is in beaches. There is a need for sports fields within a new community or neighborhood-level park.

Service Area 2 - Balboa Peninsula: Like West Newport, most of the peninsula's recreation area is in beaches. This area has little vacant land for development and the population is expected to remain stable. Unmet park needs can be satisfied via the renovation and upgrading of facilities, such as those at Las Arenas Park and Peninsula Park. Additional active park facilities are desirable, along with support facilities such as restrooms, showers and drinking fountains. Also, additional boat launching and mooring facilities and additional pedestrian pathways to and along the Bay are desirable.

Service Area 3 - Newport Heights/Harbor Highlands:. This area is largely built out and contains several important park and recreation facilities. Substantial school recreation facilities, including Newport Harbor High School, Ensign Junior High, Mariners Elementary, and Newport Heights Elementary, compensate for its deficiency in total park area.

Service Area 4 - Santa Ana Heights/Airport Commercial: This area contained only 630 residents in 1995. This population is expected to remain stable or decline in light of the Land Use Element's policies aimed at limiting residential development under the flight pattern of John Wayne Airport. The present two-acre Bayview Park and the proximity of the Upper Bay recreation area provides substantial recreational opportunities for the small population in the area.

Service Area 5 - Lower Bay: This area contains Lido Isle and the Bayside Drive area and is largely built out. The area has substantial private recreational and boating facilities. It is also adjacent to Area 3 (Newport Heights) where there are extensive recreational facilities. Because of these factors and the fact there is little or no vacant land suitable for park use, the provision of additional park land is probably not feasible in this area.

Service Area 6 - Balboa Island: This area is similar, in terms of recreation needs and conditions, to Area 5 above. However, Balboa Island contains more public recreational facilities in the form of public beach area and the Carroll Beek Community Center and mini-park. The acquisition of additional park land is probably not feasible in this area.

Service Area 7 - Eastbluff/North Ford: This area contains major undeveloped parcels designated for residential development. Although there is a numerical excess of existing park land in this area, most of the land is limited to passive use, such as Big Canyon Park. Additional sports fields and other active facilities will be needed to accommodate the recreational demands from new development.

Service Area 8 - Big Canyon/Belcourt: Although there are substantial private facilities, there are no public recreation facilities in this area. Because there is a deficiency of 14 acres, park facilities should be provided in or near this service area.

Service Area 9 - Newport Center: This area is similar to Area 8 above. The 7-acre deficiency should be mitigated by the provision of public recreation facilities in or near the service area.

Service Area 10 - Corona del Mar: There is little vacant land left for residential development in this area. Present active and passive facilities should meet present and future need, provided facilities are renovated and upgraded to meet demand for sports fields and active recreation.

Service Area 11 - Harbor View: This area contains substantial active and passive recreation facilities. The City's efforts should be focused on maintaining and/or upgrading existing facilities, such as Grant Howald Park and on developing the planned parks within the Bonita Canyon annexation area.

Service Area 12 - Newport Coast: This is an unincorporated area within the City's Sphere of Influence presently undergoing development. The area provides considerable private recreation facilities within its master plan. If the area is annexed, one of the important issues to be decided will be whether these facilities will become public or remain private.

REGIONAL NEEDS

Upper Newport Bay

The Upper Newport Bay, often referred to as the "back bay", is a major environmental and recreational resource for the City and the surrounding region. There are a number of environmentally sensitive lands abutting the bay which are part of its ecosystem.

Although the Upper Bay is located in the City and is an open space amenity for City residents, it is primarily a regional resource. Therefore, direct responsibility for the preservation of the Upper Bay rests with county and state agencies. Preservation or partial preservation of parcels adjacent to the Bay would meet regional open space, passive recreational (viewing, walking) and resource protection needs as well as some citywide recreational and open space needs. This Element calls for City cooperation with other public agencies to preserve the sensitive ecological resources of the Upper Bay.

Bike Trails

Bike trails and other bikeways are provided for in the Circulation Element because of their importance as transportation routes. However, because they are also recreational resources, bike trails are referred to in this Recreation and Open Space Element as well. (The term "bikeways" refers to all bicycle circulation routes: on-road bike routes and bike lanes plus off-road bikeways. "Bike trails" refers primarily to off-road bikeways.)

Several regional bicycle trails pass through the City of Newport Beach. These trails provide alternate circulation routes and access to areas of regional interest and constitute an important component of the local recreation system. The Circulation Element identifies routes of existing or appropriate future trails. The City should continue to work closely with other local governments to implement connections from regional to local trails and to popular destinations located in the City.

CHAPTER 3.
OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

3. OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

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GOAL: **Maintain a recreation and open space system which meets the recreational needs of the citizens of Newport Beach and which enhances the unique recreational and environmental resources of the City.**

Objectives:

1. **Recreation Programs**
2. **Parks & Facilities**
3. **Shared Facilities**
4. **Marine Recreation**
5. **Coastal Access**
6. **Scenic Vistas & Resources**
7. **Trails & Bikeways**
8. **Facility Signing**
9. **Environmental Resources**
10. **Operations & Maintenance**
11. **Annexations**
12. **Funding**

OBJECTIVE 1 - RECREATION PROGRAMS

Provide a variety of recreational and year-round programs to meet the needs of residents, including children, seniors, and persons with special needs.

POLICY 1.1 - STAFFING: Provide high quality recreational services to facility users by professionally-trained recreation personnel.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Evaluate staffing needs periodically to determine the number and type of staff persons needed for program operation. Provide training programs, extension courses and seminars as appropriate to ensure qualified staffing.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Conduct staffing needs assessment every three years, consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element/Plan update schedule. Staff training shall be provided on an ongoing basis, as needed.

POLICY 1.2 - YOUTH PROGRAMS: Provide a variety of quality programs for the community's youth.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Identify facility and program needs for the City's children, youth and teens through community needs surveys, public meetings/workshops and consultation with youth sports groups, local schools and youth program advocates. Develop programs and provide facilities consistent with identified community needs. Review youth programming for consistency with community needs on a regular basis.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Conduct needs assessment every five years consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element/Plan update schedule. Coordinate with existing youth groups on an ongoing basis.

POLICY 1.3 - ADULT PROGRAMS: Provide a variety of quality programs for the adult population.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Identify facility and program needs for the City's adult population through community needs surveys, public meetings/workshops and consultation with adult sports groups and leagues. Develop programs and provide facilities consistent with identified needs. Review adult programming for consistency with community needs on a regular basis.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Conduct needs assessment every five years consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element/Plan update schedule. Coordinate with existing adult sports groups on an ongoing basis

POLICY 1.4 - SENIOR PROGRAMS: Provide quality services and programs for the senior population.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Identify facility and program needs for the City's senior population through community needs surveys, public meetings/workshops and consultation with seniors advocate groups. Develop programs and provide facilities consistent with identified needs. Review seniors programming for consistency with community needs on a regular basis.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Conduct needs assessment every five years consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element/Plan update schedule. Coordinate with existing seniors groups on an ongoing basis.

POLICY 1.5 - SPECIAL NEEDS: Include provisions for the physically and developmentally challenged in recreational programming where feasible.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Solicit input from special needs advocates and local schools to determine facility and program needs for the City's special needs population. Provide for the special needs population, as feasible, when developing recreational programs. Periodically review special needs programming for consistency with community needs.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Conduct needs assessment every five years, consistent with the Recreation and Open Space Element/Plan update schedule. Coordinate with existing special needs advocates on an ongoing basis.

OBJECTIVE 2 - PARKS AND FACILITIES

Provide an integrated park system which is equitably distributed, is complementary to existing and proposed development and the natural environment, and which meets the identified needs of the community (Note: see also Chapter 4: *Facilities Plan*).

POLICY 2.1 - FACILITY AND LOCATIONAL NEEDS: Continue operating existing parks and support facilities. Maintain the current park ratio of five acres of parkland per 1000 persons. As feasible, provide additional park facilities and recreational opportunities as identified by direct feedback from residents, by the 1997 Needs Survey, and by observations by parks, beaches, and recreation staff, as listed below.

IDENTIFIED FACILITY NEEDS:

- Sports fields (lighted and unlighted)
- Gymnasium
- Swimming pool/aquatic facilities
- Bike and pedestrian trails
- Lighted tennis courts
- Rollerblade/roller hockey facilities
- Dog park
- Tot lots
- Golf driving range
- Public marine recreational and educational facilities
- Public boat launching facilities
- Public restrooms

IDENTIFIED SERVICE AREA NEEDS:

The following are service areas which are significantly deficient in park and recreation facilities where there may be opportunities to provide additional and/or upgraded facilities, either within the service area or near the service area boundaries:

Service Area 1- West Newport - There is a need for playfields in conjunction with a community or neighborhood level park.

Service Area 2 - Balboa Peninsula - Additional active park facilities are desirable, along with support facilities such as restrooms, showers and drinking fountains. Also, additional boat launching and mooring facilities and additional pedestrian pathways with access to and along the Bay are desirable. Unmet park needs can be satisfied via the renovation and upgrading of facilities, such as those at Las Arenas Park and Peninsula Park.

Service Area 8 - Big Canyon/Belcourt - The 1998 deficiency of 14 acres is expected to grow to 16.5 acres by 2010 if no new parkland is provided.

Service Area 9 - Newport Center - A seven-acre deficiency of parkland currently exists. Additional facilities may be provided in or near the service area.

Service Area 12 - Newport Coast - This area is deficient in public facilities, but exceeds the City park ratio standard if its extensive private facilities are counted. If ultimately annexed by the City, it must be determined whether these facilities are to remain private or are transferred to the City for public use.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning.

Schedule - As financially feasible, determined via capital improvement program process.

POLICY 2.2 - FISCAL EFFICIENCY: Require parkland acquisitions to be fiscally efficient and beneficial to the needs of the community.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Prepare a fiscal analysis, including ongoing maintenance costs and long term renovation needs, for all proposed park facilities prior to approval.

Responsible Department - General Services and Community Services.

Schedule - As needed.

POLICY 2.3 - NEEDS ASSESSMENT: Ensure that development and improvement plans for park and recreational facilities are consistent with changing community needs.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Identify community recreational facility and program needs through periodic community outreach efforts such as community surveys, public meetings/workshops and/or liaison with user groups. Review Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan and amend, if necessary, to ensure that identified needs are reflected in the document. When specific park projects or major renovations are proposed, make a special effort to obtain input on design and facilities from surrounding residents and user groups such as sports leagues.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Conduct needs assessment approximately every five years, consistent with Recreation and Open Space Element/Plan update schedule. For specific park projects, hold well-publicized community meetings and/or solicit feedback via mailouts.

POLICY 2.4 - ACQUISITION CRITERIA: Consider the following criteria when assessing park land for acquisition:

a) City's identified current and projected needs for open space, recreation and sports facilities;
b) City's needs for open space and recreation facilities based on location of existing facilities;
c) The preservation of natural resources, historic and cultural areas;
d) Ease of accessibility;
e) Usability of proposed parklands considering topography and other landform constraints;
f) Consistency with established parks and recreational facility goals.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Review adequacy of criteria when updating Element and Plan.

Responsible Department - Community Services and Planning.

Schedule - Apply criteria as needed.

POLICY 2.5 - SURPLUS SCHOOLS: In the event that surplus school sites become available for parkland acquisition, site desirability should be evaluated using the following criteria:

a) Does the school site currently provide recreational facilities that have been identified to meet local or community-wide needs?
b) Are other public lands in the vicinity of the school site inadequate to meet the identified existing or foreseeable needs of the community for recreation or open space purposes?
c) Is the school site a more economical or otherwise more feasible alternative than other parcels which are available as potential sites in the area?

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

Responsible Department - Community Services and Planning.

Schedule - Apply criteria as needed.

POLICY 2.6 - DEVELOPMENT/DESIGN GUIDELINES: Establish detailed park development and design guidelines which include consideration of the following issues:

a) Provide a balance between community needs and budget constraints;
b) Provide access for the disabled as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act;
c) Maximize efficiency and minimize maintenance costs;
d) Link trails and existing recreational facilities;
e) Design and locate park facilities with sensitivity to adjacent and nearby land uses;
f) Incorporate adequate safety standards.

g) Provide adequate parking.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Develop guidelines to supplement Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Within 18 months of adoption of the Recreation and Open Space Element.

OBJECTIVE 3 - SHARED FACILITIES

Maximize the use of the community's recreational resources by coordinating with the agencies responsible for non-city recreational facilities and open space.

POLICY 3.1 - LEASED FACILITIES AND JOINT USE AGREEMENTS: In addition to City facilities and amenities, utilize non-City recreational facilities and open space to satisfy community needs (i.e., Newport-Mesa Unified School District, regional, state and/or federal facilities). Maintain existing levels of shared facilities, and expand the use of non-city facilities/amenities where desirable and feasible.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Actions -
1. Prepare a status report of existing shared facility leases/agreements for recreational and open space purposes, including Newport-Mesa Unified School District and cooperative agreements with County Harbors and Beaches for Newport Bay.
2. Renegotiate agreements as needed and mutually-desired.
3. Establish criteria to evaluate and select new shared facilities.
4. Utilizing established criteria, prepare an inventory of non-City facilities and amenities in the community that may provide recreational and/or open space benefits to the City.
5. Negotiate agreements for new facilities as feasible and desired.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Prepare status report within one year of adoption of the Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Establish evaluation criteria and prepare "candidate" list of sites within 18 months of adoption of Element and Plan.

POLICY 3.2- UPPER NEWPORT BAY RESERVE: Coordinate with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to ensure preservation of Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve and continue provision of public access consistent with preservation goals.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Continue liaison and coordination agreements with the Department of Fish and Game concerning preservation of the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve. Continue implementation of intra-agency watershed preservation agreements.

Responsible Departments - Community Services and Public Works.

Schedule - Ongoing

POLICY 3.3 - NEWPORT BAY WATERSHED PLAN: Ensure adequate coordination with appropriate agencies to implement the Newport Bay Stormwater Sedimentation Control Plan.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Provide adequate staffing to continue appropriate coordination. Implement Control Plan as approved and adopted.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning, Public Works.

Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 3.4 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION: Provide City support and liaison to regional, state and federal intergovernmental open space and recreation management committees to ensure adequate City representation regarding nearby regional, state and federal parklands and beaches.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Establish criteria for and then continually seek out candidate joint use facilities and initiate appropriate agreements. Provide adequate staffing or City Council appointee to provide appropriate level of coordination/liaison.

Responsible Department - City Manager's Office, Community Services, Planning.

Schedule - As needed. Periodically update list of joint use agreements.

OBJECTIVE 4 - MARINE RECREATION

Provide and encourage a level of marine recreation related facilities and maintenance that enhances the enjoyment of the City's natural resources by the community and its visitors.

POLICY 4.1 - EXISTING MARINE FACILITIES: Continue to utilize existing City marine recreational facilities, including piers, docks, bays, beaches and educational and support facilities such as the intercollegiate rowing facilities, marine ways and services, launching facilities, gas and pumpout stations, parking facilities, restrooms, showers, drinking fountains, and concessions.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

Responsible Department - Community Services and Planning.

Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 4.2 - NEW MARINE FACILITIES: Provide additional marine recreational, educational and support facilities and opportunities (listed below) as feasible:

- Public boat launching facilities
- Marine sanitation facilities
- Guest slips
- Restrooms
- Showers
- Drinking fountains
- Junior Lifeguard Facilities

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Prepare Capital improvements Budget and development schedule.

Responsible Department - Community Services.

Schedule - Begin preparation of Capital Improvements Budget and development schedule within one year of adoption of Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Update Capital Improvements Budget annually.

POLICY 4.3 - SLIPS, MOORINGS AND ANCHORAGES: Encourage the provision of guest slips, moorings, and anchorages in Newport Harbor. Coordinate work with the Orange County Harbor, Beaches, and Parks Department to provide such facilities where appropriate and feasible.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Provide professional staffing to continue effective coordination.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Fire and Marine.

Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 4.4 - SMALL BOAT LAUNCHING: Maximize opportunities for the launching and short-term beaching of small boats.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Continue to permit hand boat launching at all safe street ends and beaches in lower Newport Bay. Continue to permit short-term beaching of small boats in designated areas.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Fire and Marine.

Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 4.5 - MARINE SAFETY: Provide for marine safety such as lifeguards, harbor patrol, police, traffic and parking enforcement in accordance with the City's Safety Element.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Implement City's Safety Element.

Responsible Department - Fire and Marine.

Schedule - Ongoing.

OBJECTIVE 5 - COASTAL ACCESS

Provide and maintain public access to the City's coastal resources in accordance with the City's Local Coastal Program. Ensure that provision of access is consistent with the protection of natural resources, public safety and private property rights.

POLICY 5.1 - ACCESS PRESERVATION AND ACQUISITION: Maintain existing public access to the beach and bay and acquire additional public access points to the beach as identified in the City's Local Coastal Program. Ensure that full consideration be given to the public's right of access to the ocean, beach and bay and to the provision of coastal dependent uses adjacent to the water when evaluating the leasing out of public land.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Implement Local Coastal Program.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning, Fire and Marine, Public Works.

Schedule - Ongoing.

OBJECTIVE 6 - SCENIC VISTAS AND RESOURCES

Maintain and enhance the scenic character of the City.

POLICY 6.1 - PUBLIC VISTAS AND SCENIC DRIVES: Provide and preserve view parks as identified in the Recreation and Open Space Plan Map. Protect and enhance the streetscapes along all scenic highways and scenic drives as identified on the Recreation and Open Space Plan Map.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Regulate development and site, landscaping, and architectural design to enhance the appearance of the streetscape along scenic highways and scenic drives. This policy is not intended to prohibit development on any site.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning.

Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 6.2 - COASTAL VIEWS: Protect and enhance existing view opportunities, especially public views of the ocean, harbor, and upper bay, in accordance with the Local Coastal Program (LCP).

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Where coastal views from existing roadways exist, as identified in the City's Local Coastal Program, regulate development on property within the sight lines from the roadway so that such development is sited and designed to maximize protection of the coastal view. This policy is not intended to prohibit development on any site.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning.

Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 6.3 - COASTAL BLUFFS: Preserve the scenic resources of the City's coastal bluffs in accordance with the Local Coastal Program.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Implement City's Local Coastal Program.

Responsible Department - Planning, Community Services.

Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 6.4 - NATURAL LANDFORM PRESERVATION: Encourage preservation of the City's non-coastal, significant natural landforms along bluffs, cliffs and canyons through regulation of development.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Amend Planning and Zoning Ordinance, if necessary, to require discretionary review of development of significant natural landforms through the conditional use permit or other appropriate process. Establish design guidelines and regulations for such properties to ensure appropriate site design and landform preservation. This policy is not intended to prohibit development on any site.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning.

Schedule - Within 18 months of adoption of Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

OBJECTIVE 7 - TRAILS AND BIKEWAYS

Provide a bike and trail system that is appropriately linked to recreational facilities within the community.

POLICY 7.1 - TRAIL LINKAGES: Ensure that existing and planned bikeways and trails in the City provide adequate linkages to City, regional, state and/or federal park and recreation facilities, open space amenities and view points.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan for planned pedestrian and equestrian trails (see Chapter 4: *Facilities Plan*). Implement bikeway linkages as shown in the Circulation Element. Continue coordination with outside agencies regarding planned non-City facilities.

Responsible Department - Planning, Public Works.

Schedule - Ongoing.

OBJECTIVE 8 - FACILITY SIGNING

Encourage public access to the City's recreational and open space amenities through effective signage.

POLICY 8.1 - RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE SIGNS: Maintain a comprehensive signing program for the City's recreational and open space resources, including parks, recreational centers, coastal accessways, bicycle routes, trails, public beaches and vista points.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Develop signage placement and design criteria for recreational and open space facilities. Inventory existing signs and maintenance needs, as well as new signage needs. Provide and maintain signage as appropriate, in accordance with guidelines. Adhere to City's Local Coastal Program for coastal amenity signage.

Responsible Department - Community Services, General Services, Planning, Public Works.

Schedule - Conduct needs assessment within one year of adoption of Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Develop signage design and locational criteria within 18 months. Provide signage for new facilities coincident with facility development. Provide maintenance and new signage for existing facilities as feasible.

OBJECTIVE 9 - ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Maintain and enhance the City's environmental resources.

POLICY 9.1 - PRESERVATION OF SENSITIVE AREAS: Preserve and enhance the City's Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA's), coastal bluffs and bluff tops and wetland areas, and minimize risks in geologically hazardous areas, floodplains, and 65 Community Noise Equivalent Level (CNEL) contour areas through development regulation.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Prohibit the location of structures, except as provided below, in the following environmentally sensitive areas as identified in the Recreation and Open Space Plan Map:

- Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas
- Coastal bluffs
- Bluff top set back areas
- Riparian areas
- Geologic hazard areas
- Residential development impacted by noise levels of 65 CNEL or greater
- Floodplain areas.
- Natural slope areas steeper than 2:1 and greater than 25 feet in height

Note - These measures are not intended to prevent public agencies and private property owners from providing public infrastructure, maintaining drainage courses and facilities, sedimentation basins, and other related facilities where need can be demonstrated and minimal environmental impacts will occur.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning.
Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 9.2 - HISTORICAL/CULTURAL RESOURCES: Encourage the preservation and enhancement of the City's archeological, paleontological, historical and cultural resources through development regulation.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Continue enforcement of and adherence to the following City Council policies: *Places of Historical and Architectural Significance, Archaeological Guidelines, Paleontological Guidelines and Implementation Procedures for the California Environmental Quality Act.*

Responsible Department - Planning.
Schedule - Ongoing.

OBJECTIVE 10 - OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Operate, maintain and enhance existing public recreational facilities at current or increased levels of service. Ensure adequate operational and maintenance provisions for new recreational facilities and annexed areas.

POLICY 10.1 - ONGOING MAINTENANCE: Provide for the continuation of adequate park and facilities maintenance. Ensure that non-routine maintenance needs are identified and provided for.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Prepare a renovation and maintenance study to evaluate all City parks and facilities to determine ongoing maintenance and long term renovation and replacement needs. Evaluate all recreational maintenance equipment and tools to ensure maximum efficiency of maintenance. Develop a modernization program, including funding and financing, to rectify identified deficiencies.

Responsible Department - Community Services, General Services.
Schedule - Within 18 months of adoption of Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

POLICY 10.2 - DESIGN CRITERIA: Maximize efficiency and minimize maintenance needs when designing new recreational facilities and upgrading and retrofitting existing facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Develop detailed design guidelines to supplement Plan.

Responsible Department - Community Services and General Services.
Schedule - Within 18 months of adoption of the Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

POLICY 10.3 - ADA ACCESS: Ensure that planned recreational facilities include provisions for adequate access for the physically-challenged and that existing facilities are appropriately retrofitted to include such access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Evaluate and inventory all physical parks and recreational facilities for handicap accessibility needs as specified in State and Federal laws such as the American Disabilities Act. Develop a capital improvement program for the upgrading of those facilities determined to require handicap access. Implement upgrades and retrofits as financially feasible.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Public Works and Building.
Schedule - Within two years of adoption of the Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

OBJECTIVE 11 - ANNEXATIONS

Ensure that annexed areas provide recreational facilities that meet the needs of the residents, both within the specific service area, and City-wide.

POLICY 11.1 - PARKLAND RATIOS: Seek to provide the current City park per capita ratio of five acres of parkland per 1000 persons in annexed areas.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Review annexation proposals prior to approval. Negotiate with land owners, the master homeowners association, sub-associations, and the County of Orange as appropriate.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning, City Manager's Office.
Schedule - Prior to annexation, as needed.

POLICY 11.2 - FISCAL EFFICIENCY: Ensure that acquisition of parklands and facilities through annexations are fiscally sound and benefit the community.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Ensure the sustainability of all proposed parkland acquisitions by means of design criteria relating to maintenance, water needs, durability of improvements, etc. Include ongoing maintenance and long term renovation needs in analysis.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning, City Manager's Office.
Schedule - Prior to annexation, as needed.

POLICY 11.3 - TRAIL LINKAGES: Ensure that existing and planned bikeways and trails in annexed areas provide adequate linkages to City, regional, state and/or federal park and recreation facilities, open space amenities and view points.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan for planned pedestrian and equestrian trails. Implement bikeway linkages as shown in the Circulation Element. Prior to annexation, review proposed annexation areas for consistency with Recreation and Open Space and Circulation Elements.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning.
Schedule - Prior to annexation, as needed.

POLICY 11.4 - ADA ACCESS: Ensure that planned recreational facilities in annexed areas include provisions for adequate access for the physically-challenged and that existing facilities are appropriately retrofitted to include such access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Review existing park sites and plans within areas of proposed annexation, prior to annexation. Incorporate needed access facilities as appropriate.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Public Works.
Schedule - Prior to annexation, as needed.

POLICY 11.5 - SHARED FACILITIES: Encourage the use of shared facilities, both public and private, such as school sites, County facilities, homeowner association facilities, etc., within annexed areas to maximize the availability of recreational resources to the community.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Coordinate with the Newport Mesa Unified School District, County agencies, etc. and implement shared use agreements for annexed area recreational facilities and open space amenities if appropriate.

Responsible Department - Community Services.
Schedule - Prior to annexation, as needed.

OBJECTIVE 12 - FUNDING

Identify potential financing mechanisms and explore all potential financing means for timely and balanced development and enhancement of the City's recreational operations and facilities.

POLICY 12.1 - OUTSIDE FUNDING: Pursue all forms of Federal, State, County, corporate, private foundation and endowment support, as well as development requirements, to assist in acquisition, development, programming, operations, and maintenance of park and recreation resources.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - If current staffing does not provide for grants writing, consider utilizing a grants and endowments coordinator to increase the depth and effectiveness of lobbying and funding procurement efforts for parks and recreation, as well as, other applicable City programs and functions. Review City development assessment policies to ensure maximization of this potential funding source.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning, City Manager's Office.
Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 12.2 - COMMUNITY SUPPORT: Encourage neighborhood groups, organizations, clubs and businesses to take a greater interest and financial responsibility in the improvement and operations of the City's parks and recreational facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Expand and formalize existing City assistance program. Consider establishing a non-profit foundation or retaining a private consultant to solicit private organizations to sponsor public recreation activities, supply equipment and uniforms and donate facilities. Explore the feasibility of providing tax advantages to donors and contributors of funds and resources.

Responsible Department - Community Services.
Schedule - Report back to City Council within one year of adoption of Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.

POLICY 12.3 - COMMERCIAL/PRIVATE FACILITIES: Encourage commercial and private organizations to provide recreational services and facilities that may not be provided by the City.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Evaluate existing Land Use Element Land Use Plan Map to determine whether adequate sites are provided for desired recreational facilities (e.g., roller hockey rinks). Consider amending the Land Use Plan to permit such uses if not already permitted. Explore

feasibility of providing incentives to developers for high priority/highly desired facilities (e.g., expedited permit processing, financial incentives, marketing, etc.).

Responsible Department - Planning.
Schedule - Conduct evaluation within 1 year of adoption of Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Report to City Council within 14 months after Element and Plan adoption.

POLICY 12.4 - REVENUE GENERATION/USER FEES: Provide for revenue generation in the operation of recreational facilities and programs where appropriate and feasible.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Evaluate existing City policies regarding potential revenue generating methods for City recreational facilities and programs. Consider establishing or increasing user fees and explore other revenue generating options. Make recommendations to City Council for amendments to current structure as appropriate. Implement as approved.

Responsible Department - Community Services.
Schedule - Ongoing.

POLICY 12.5 - PARK FEE POLICY AND PARK DEDICATION ORDINANCE: Ensure that the City's Park Fee Policy and Park Dedication Ordinance remain consistent with the needs of the community.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Action - Review City's Park Fee Policy and Park Dedication Ordinance every five years and update as appropriate in accordance with the Quimby Act and other applicable laws.

Responsible Department - Community Services, Planning.
Schedule - Conduct first review by year 2000, and every five years thereafter.

FUNDING SOURCES			
Policy	***Implementation Measure***	***Schedule***	***Potential Funding Source(s)***
1.1 Staffing	Evaluate staffing needs periodically. Provide training programs to ensure qualified staff.	Conduct staffing needs assessment every 3 years. Training ongoing.	General Fund, User Fees.
1.2 Youth Programs	Identify needs. Make programming consistent with needs.	Conduct needs assessment every 5 years.	General Fund, User Fees.
1.3 Adult Programs	Identify needs. Make programming consistent with needs.	Conduct needs assessment every 5 years.	General Fund, User Fees.
1.4 Senior Programs	Identify needs. Make programming consistent with needs.	Conduct needs assessment every 5 years.	General Fund, User Fees, *CDBG.
1.5 Special Needs	Identify needs. Make programming consistent with needs.	Conduct needs assessment every 5 years.	General Fund, User Fees, *CDBG.
2.1 Facility Needs	Adopt Recreation & Open Space Element and Plan.	As financially feasible.	Excise Tax, In-Lieu Fees, General Fund.
2.2 Fiscal Efficiency	Prepare fiscal analysis for all proposed recreational facilities.	As needed.	General Fund.
2.3 Needs Assessment	Identify community recreational facility and program needs through periodic community outreach. Review Rec. & Open Space Element and amend if necessary.	Conduct needs assessment every 5 years.	General Fund.
2.4 Acquisition Criteria	Adopt Recreation & Open Space Element	Apply criteria as needed.	General Fund.
2.5 Surplus Schools	Adopt Recreation & Open Space Element	Apply criteria as needed.	General Fund.
2.6 Development Guidelines	Prepare park development and design guidelines.	Prepare guidelines w/in 18 months of adoption of R & O/S Element/Plan.	General Fund.
3.1 Joint Use	1.) Prepare a status report of existing shared facility leases/agreements.2.) Re-negotiate agreements as needed. 3.) Establish criteria to evaluate and select new shared facilities. 4.) Utilizing criteria, prepare an inventory of non-City facilities in the community that may provide recreational and/or open space benefits to the City. 5.) Negotiate agreements for new facilities as feasible and desired.	W/in 18 months of adoption of R & OS Element/Plan.	General Fund.

FUNDING SOURCES			
Policy	***Implementation Measure***	***Schedule***	***Potential Funding Source(s)***
3.2 Upper Bay	Continue existing agreements w/DFG.	Ongoing	General Fund.
3.3 Watershed Plan	Continue implementing watershed control plan for Upper Newport Bay.	Ongoing	General Fund.
3.4 Intergovernmental Coordination	Continue to provide intergovernmental coordination.	Ongoing.	General Fund.
4.1 Existing Marine Facilities	Adopt Recreation & Open Space Element and Plan.	Ongoing.	Excise Tax, In-Lieu Fees, General Fund.
4.2 New Marine Facilities	Adopt Recreation & Open Space Element and Plan. Prepare capital improvement budget & dev. schedule.	Within one year of adoption of R & OS Element/Plan. Update annually.	Excise Tax, In-Lieu Fees, General Fund.
4.3 Slips & Moorings	Continue coordination w/County.	Ongoing.	User Fees, General Fund.
4.4 Small Boat Launching	Continue to permit small boat launching and beaching.	Ongoing.	No fiscal impact.
4.5 Marine Safety	Continue to provide for marine safety. Implement Safety Element.	Ongoing.	User Fees, General Fund.
5.1 Coastal Access	Implement Local Coastal Program.	Ongoing.	General Fund, Coastal Conservancy Grants
6.1 Public Vistas/Parks	Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.	Ongoing.	General Fund.
6.2 Coastal Views	Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Implement Local Coastal Program re regulation of development on property within the sight lines of coastal views from roadways.	Ongoing.	General Fund.
6.3 Coastal Bluffs	Implement Local Coastal Program.	Ongoing.	General Fund, Coastal Conservancy Grants
6.4 Natural Landform Preservation	Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Amend Zoning Ordinance, if necessary, to require discretionary review of development of significant natural landforms through conditional use permit or other process. Establish design guidelines and regulations for such properties to ensure appropriate site design and landform preservation.	Within 18 months of adoption of R & OS Element/Plan.	General Fund.

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Policy	***Implementation Measure***	***Schedule***	***Potential Funding Source(s)***
7.1 Trail Linkages	Adopt Rec./Open Space Element and Plan. Continue coordination w/outside agencies re: non-City trails.	Ongoing.	User Fees, General Fund.
8.1 Facility Signing	Develop signage placement and design criteria for rec. & open space facilities-amenities. Inventory location and condition of existing signs. Provide new signage in accordance w/guidelines, as feasible.	Conduct needs assessment & inventory w/in one year of adoption of R & OS Element. Prepare design and locational guidelines w/in 18 months.	General Fund.
9.1 Environmental Resources	Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Impose development restrictions.	Ongoing.	General Fund.
9.2 Historical-Cultural	Continue enforcement of and adherence to the following C/C policies: *Places of Historical and Architectural Significance, Archaeological Guidelines, Paleontological Guidelines and Implementation Procedures for the California Envir. Quality Act.*	Ongoing.	General Fund.
10.1 Maintenance	Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan	Ongoing.	User Fees, General Fund.
10.2 Design Criteria	Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Develop design guidelines to supplement Plan.	Develop guidelines within 18 months of adoption of Element and Plan.	General Fund.
10.3 ADA Access	Conduct inventory of physical amenities and review for ADA access needs. Develop a capital improvement plan.	Within 2 years of adoption of Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan.	General Fund, CDBG.
11.1 Annexation Parkland Ratios	Review annexation proposals prior to approval for compliance with park ratio policy.	As needed, prior to annexation.	General Fund.
11.2 Annexation Fiscal Efficiency	Ensure the sustainability of all proposed parkland acquisitions by means of design criteria relating to maintenance, water needs, durability of improvements, etc. Include ongoing maintenance and long term renovation needs in analysis.	As needed, prior to annexation.	General Fund.
11.3 Annexation Area Trails	Adopt Recreation and Open Space Element and Plan. Review all annexation proposals for consistency with trail/bikeway plans.	As needed, prior to annexation.	General Fund.

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11.4 Annexation Area ADA	Review existing and proposed park sites in annexation areas for consistency with ADA requirements.	As needed, prior to annexation.	General Fund, CDBG.
11.5 Annexation Area Shared Facilities	Coordinate with Newport-Mesa Unified School District and County agencies prior to annexation.	As needed, prior to annexation.	General Fund.
12.1 Outside Funding	Consider utilizing a grant writer/coordinator. Review City development assessment policies for maximization of this potential revenue source.	Ongoing.	General Fund, Special Grant(s), Assessments.
12.2 Community Support	Expand and formalize existing assistance program. Consider establishing non-profit foundation or retaining private consultant to solicit private orgs to sponsor public recreation activities. Explore the feasibility of providing tax advantages to donors.	Report back to City Council within one year of adoption of Element and Plan.	No direct fiscal Impact.
12.3 Commercial & Private Facilities	Provide adequate sites for desired recreational facilities through Land Use Plan and Zoning.	Conduct evaluation within one year of adoption of Element and Plan.	No direct fiscal Impact.
12.4 Revenue Generation and User Fees	Evaluate existing City policies regarding revenue generating methods for City amenities. Consider establishing or increasing user fees and explore other revenue generating options.	Ongoing.	No direct fiscal Impact.
12.5 Park Fee Policy	Review City's Park Fee Policy and Park Dedication Ordinance periodically.	First review by year 2000 and every 5 years thereafter.	No direct fiscal Impact.

CHAPTER 4.
FACILITIES PLAN

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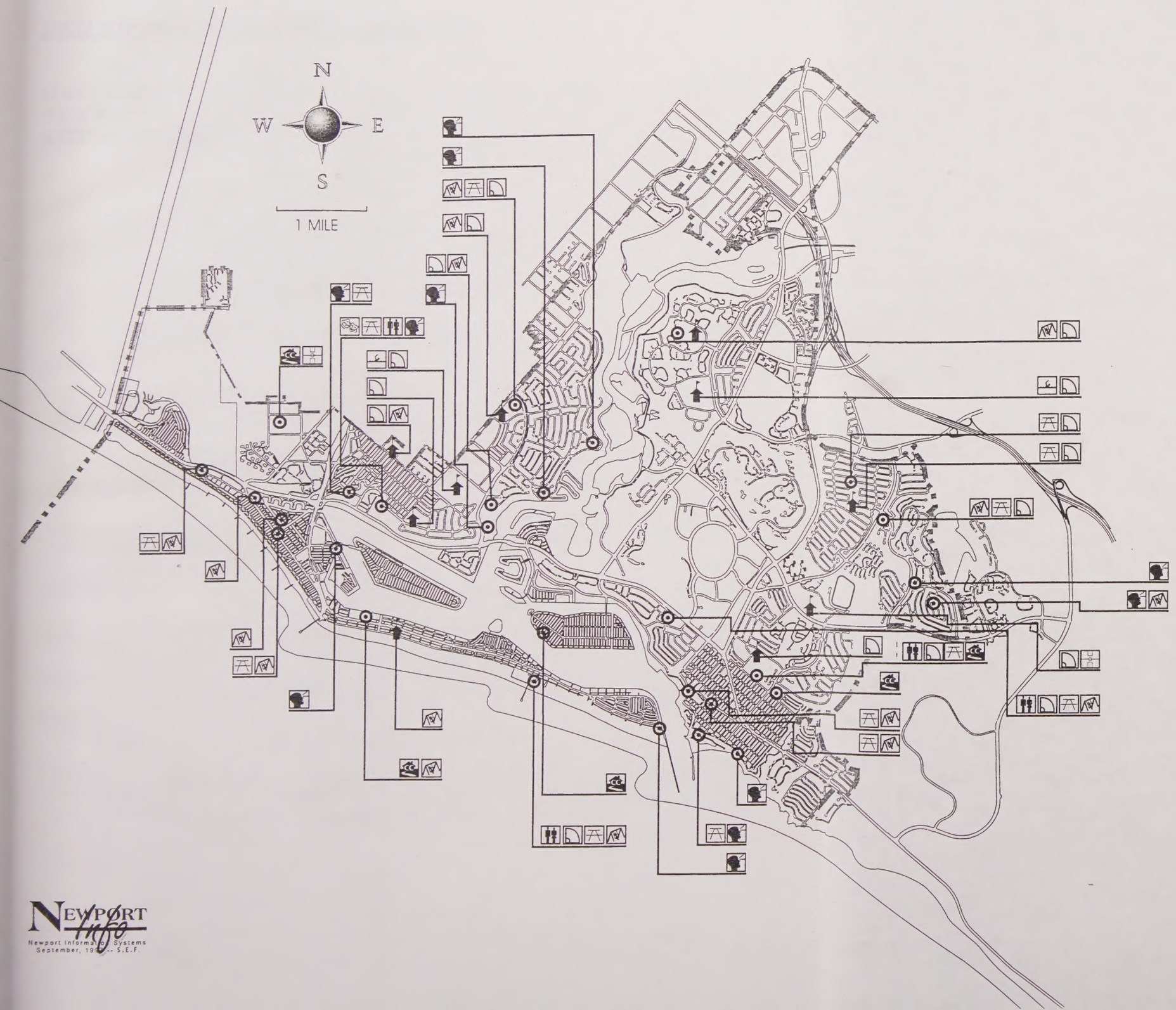

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DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED FACILITIES

SERVICE AREA 1 - WEST NEWPORT ANNEXATION AREA:

The West Newport (Banning Ranch) annexation area lies just outside the City north of Newport Shores. The property is within the City's sphere of influence and will ultimately be annexed. Land uses and development configuration for the property will be determined through the specific plan process in conjunction with annexation. At that time, recreational and environmental resources will also be mapped. At the General Plan level of planning addressed in this Element, recreational facilities and open space preservation areas are shown conceptually, with precise locations to be determined at the specific plan level. The following facilities are planned for the annexation area:

- Community Park -- from 15 to 30 acres:

  This park will be located within the future specific plan annexation area to serve both the annexation area and the entire community. The park will be developed with active lighted recreational facilities, picnic and turf areas and a possible gymnasium to serve the full community. As with all new parks proposed to accompany future residential development, the precise size of this facility is yet to be determined. However, the minimum size should be 15 flat usable acres, with a shape which will accommodate the desired playfields and other facilities.

- Neighborhood Park -- approximately 8 ac.:

  This neighborhood park is intended to serve the residents of the 2600 future dwelling units in the annexation area. The park will be developed with both active recreational facilities and passive amenities such as walkways and turf areas.

- View Park -- approximately 1 ac.:

  This small view park will be located on the bluffs within the annexation area. It will also function as a rest stop for the planned blufftop trail system.

- Blufftop Recreation Trail:

  This recreation trail will run in a north-south direction along the bluff top and will link Pacific Coast Highway with the Santa Ana River Trail (via a potential bikeway bridge Street bridge) and with Talbert Regional Park in Costa Mesa.

- Environmentally Sensitive Areas -- Open Space:

  Areas along the Santa Ana River channel, both within the annexation area and within present City boundaries, will be mapped as environmentally sensitive areas in conjunction with preparation of the specific plan for the area. These areas will be protected and, where consistent with the preservation of environmental resources, public access will be provided.

SERVICE AREA 1 - WEST NEWPORT, SITES ALREADY WITHIN CITY:

- Oxbow Loop (formerly "Semeniuk Slough") -- Environmentally Sensitive Area:

  This ESA, a remnant channel of the Santa Ana River from the time when the river emptied into Newport Bay, loops around the northeast boundary of the Newport Shores neighborhood. The ESA is a functioning wetland and may be improved and enhanced by the Santa Ana River flood control project wetland mitigation program. The area, designated for "Recreational and Environmental Open Space" under the Local Coastal Program and Land Use Element, will be preserved. Future use will balance environmental values, public access, and the needs of the adjacent residential area.

- "CalTrans West" Neighborhood Park and View Park - approximately 6 to 14 ac.:

  This area, located at the northwest corner of Coast Highway and Superior Avenue, will include a new neighborhood park with active sports fields and support facilities. The facility will also serve some existing and future residents in adjacent service areas. There will also be a blufftop view park which will provide a link in the continuous blufftop bikeway in West Newport.

- Sunset View Park Addition -- approximately .8 ac.:

  This property, on the east side of Superior Avenue near Coast Highway, is to be added to the existing .8-acre Sunset View park in order to increase its area and add new turf areas, benches, and walkways. The addition will extend the view park to the public parking lot off of Superior.

- Coast Recreation Trail:

  This recreation trail will cross Superior avenue and link Sunset View Park, the "CalTrans West" park and the future West Newport blufftop trail (see above).

AREA 2 - BALBOA PENINSULA:

- Marinapark Area:

  The Marinapark area encompasses the existing Las Arenas and Veterans Memorial Parks, the American Legion Hall, Balboa Community Center, and Girl Scout House, the Marinapark Mobilehome Park, and the public beach from 15th to 19th Streets. In addition to retention of such existing facilities as the public beach and the four tennis courts (two lighted), the area affords future opportunities for park, recreation, and aquatic facilities which are not yet fully planned.

AREAS 3 & 4 - NEWPORT HEIGHTS/ UPPER BAY AND SANTA ANA HEIGHTS:

- West Upper Bay Recreation Trail:

  This portion of the recreation trail will extend along the west and north sides of the Upper Bay as part of the Upper Bay Regional Park. The trail will serve equestrians, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Connections to the San Diego Creek trail will be provided and staging areas will include parking facilities, restrooms, picnic tables, bicycle racks and hitching posts.

AREA 5 - LIDO ISLE/ LOWER BAY:

No additional facilities are planned due to lack of potential sites in the service area.

AREA 6 - BALBOA ISLAND:

No additional facilities are planned due to lack of potential sites on the Island.

AREA 7 - EASTBLUFF/ NEWPORT NORTH:

- East Upper Bay Recreation Trail:

This portion of the recreation trail will extend along the east side of the Upper Bay as part of the Upper Bay Regional Park. The trail will connect to the San Diego Creek Trail and the west and north portions of the Upper Bay trail (see Service Areas 3& 4 preceding).

- San Diego Creek Saltwater Marsh ESA:

This Environmentally Sensitive Area is a portion of the area previously known as "San Diego Creek North". The marsh was a required mitigation site for the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor. This ESA will be monitored and maintained in accordance with the Newport Bay Watershed/San Diego Creek Comprehensive Stormwater Sedimentation Control Plan.

AREA 8 - BELCOURT-BIG CANYON:

No additional facilities are planned due to lack of potential sites within the service area. In addition to the private recreational facilities available within the service area, public facilities are located near the service area boundaries in Areas 7 and 11.

AREA 9 - NEWPORT CENTER:

- Upper Bayview Landing View-Park and Open Space -- approximately 11 ac.:

This site is located at Jamboree Road and Pacific Coast Highway near the Newport Dunes Resort. The view-park portion of this open space dedication will be improved as a trail staging area for bicyclists and pedestrians, while the remainder will be retained as open space. The area may be graded in order to enhance views from Coast Highway.

- Newporter Knoll ESA Open Space: -- approximately 12 ac.:

This ESA, located adjacent to Newporter North View Park, between the Newporter Resort and the Upper Bay, will be preserved as a passive open space area.

- "Newport Village" Neighborhood Park - approx. 12 ac.:

This park site is located north of the Central Library near MacArthur Boulevard. The precise location will be determined as part of detailed planning for the Newport Village area. The park will serve Service Area 9 and other nearby areas.

AREA 10 - CORONA DEL MAR:

- Buck Gully and Morning Canyon Environmentally Sensitive Areas -- open space:

  Buck Gully is located between Corona Highlands and old Corona del Mar. Morning Canyon is between Shore Cliffs and Cameo Shores. These natural canyons are designated for Recreational and Environmental Open Space in the Land Use Element and the Local Coastal Program. In order to provide an adequate buffer for these environmentally sensitive areas, all construction on properties abutting the ESA's, including but not limited, to fences, retaining walls, pools of any size or depth, tennis courts or other activity areas, is expressly prohibited within 25 feet of the property line. Additional grading restrictions are imposed in the LCP.

AREA 11 - HARBOR VIEW:

The following Area 11 parks, in and near the Bonita Canyon annexation area (see Area 11 map), were in various planning stages in mid-1998:

- "Bison" Mini-Park -- approximately .1 ac.:

  This park, at the northeast corner of MacArthur Boulevard and Bonita Canyon Road, will include a plaque commemorating William Pereira, chief planner and architect for the Irvine Ranch -- including large parts of Newport Beach. The plaque will be mounted on a statue of an American bison. The statue will reflect the area's history as the "Buffalo Ranch", where a herd of bison was maintained in the 1950's and 60's.

- "Freeway Reservation" Park -- approximately 20 ac. (including 12 ac. active):

  This parkland will occupy the abandoned freeway right-of-way on the east side of MacArthur Boulevard, south of Bonita Canyon Road. Facilities will include turf area, benches, and active play area and/or playfields. The area could ultimately become part of the "Bonita Canyon" community park to be developed along the south side of Bonita Canyon Road.

- Bonita Canyon Planning Area 2, Passive Open Space -- approximately 1.7 ac.:

  This area, located on the north side of Old Ford Road, south of Bonita Canyon Road, and east of the above "Freeway Reservation" park, is designated as passive open space.

- Bonita Canyon Planning Area 4, Community Park--approximately 14.8 ac.:

  This site, referred to as "Bonita Canyon" park, is located along the south side of Bonita Canyon Road east of Mesa View Road. It will be developed as a community park with playfields. (Note: the annexation agreement for the Bonita Canyon annexation allows the Newport-Mesa Unified School District until May of 2008 to acquire a portion of this area as an elementary school site, if needed).

- Bonita Canyon Planning Area 6, Parks and Open Space:

  - A 4.8-acre neighborhood park, located just south of Bonita Canyon Road and west of Mesa View Road, will include turf areas, sports fields, picnic areas, pedestrian trails, restrooms, and a parking lot. This park could ultimately become part of the "Bonita Canyon" community park to be developed east of Mesa View Road (see above).

  - "Arroyo" Park, a 7.4-acre community park located in Bonita Canyon south of Bison Avenue, will be developed with turf areas, sports fields and courts, picnic areas, pedestrian trails, restrooms, and a parking lot.

  - A 14.5-acre canyon area, just south of the above Arroyo park, will be preserved as a passive open space and greenbelt area and provided with pedestrian trails.

  - Approximately 64 acres located along the south side of the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor, including the existing Bonita Creek Channel and Bonita Canyon Reservoir, will be preserved as passive open space.

AREA 12 - NEWPORT COAST:

Parks within this potential annexation area are in private homeowner association ownership. A determination will be made regarding transfer of these facilities to City ownership and maintenance if the area is annexed. The Newport Coast area also includes the Crystal Cove State Park. This park, owned and operated by the State of California, occupies a portion of the area between Coast Highway and the ocean.

SERVICE AREA
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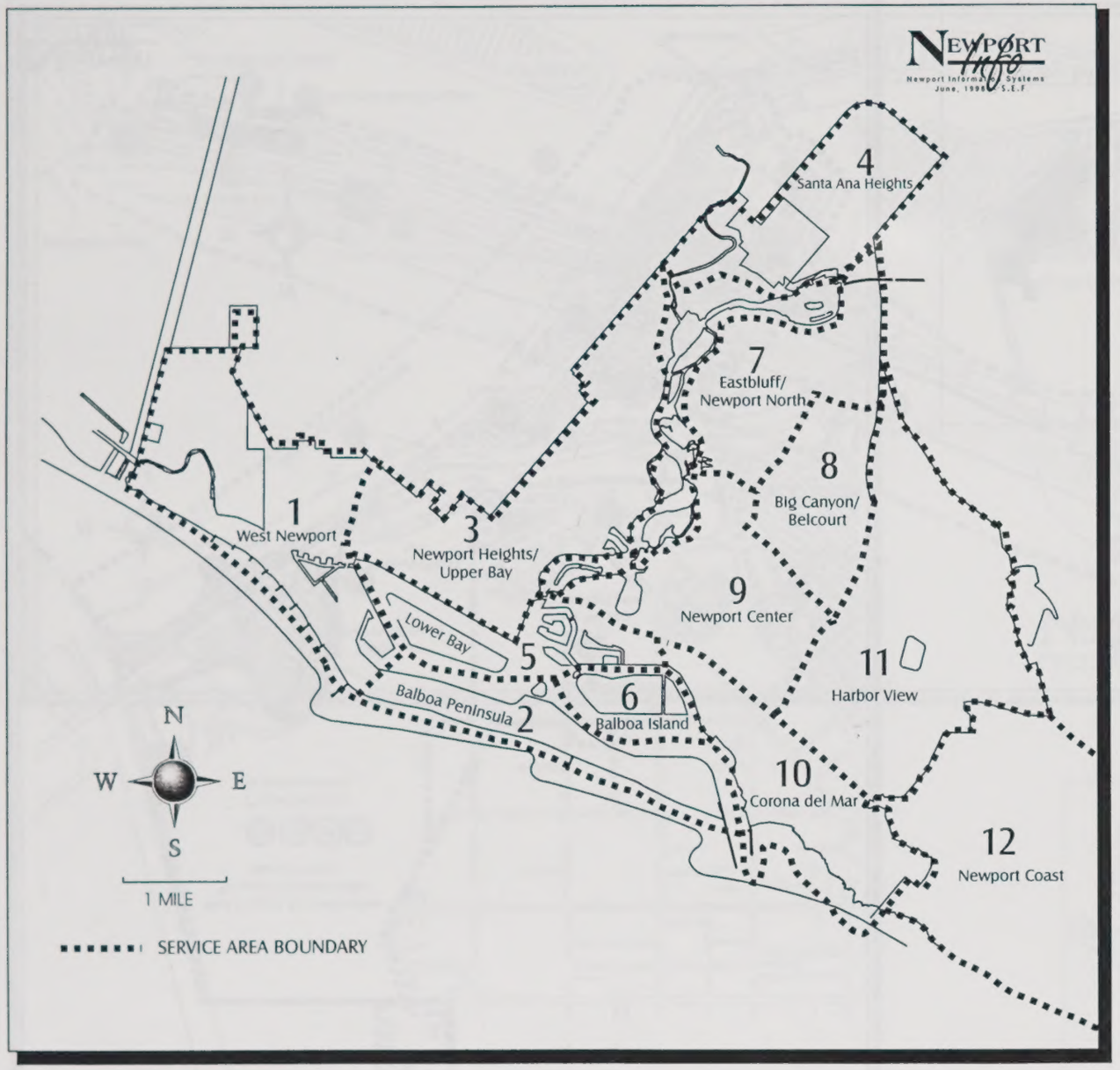

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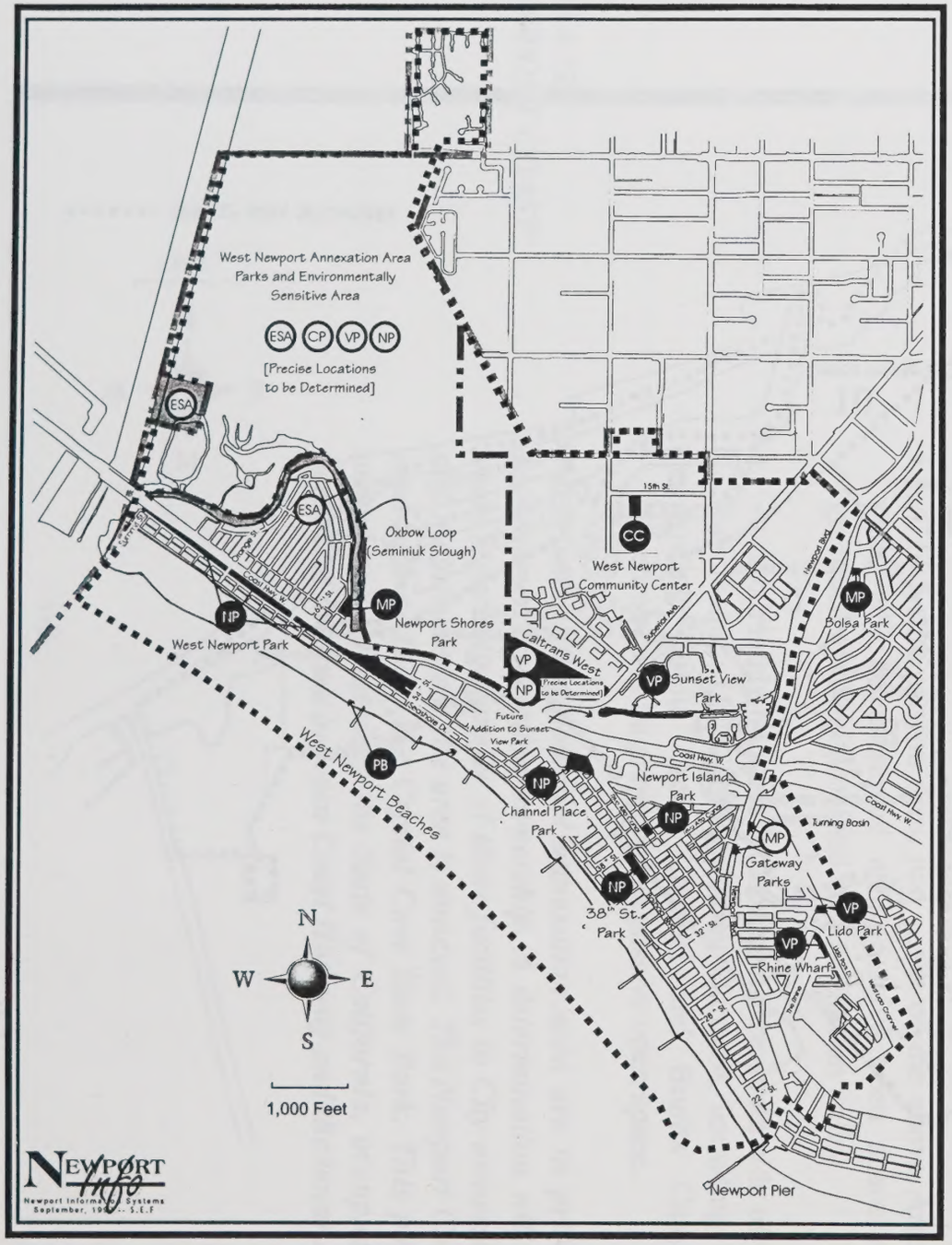

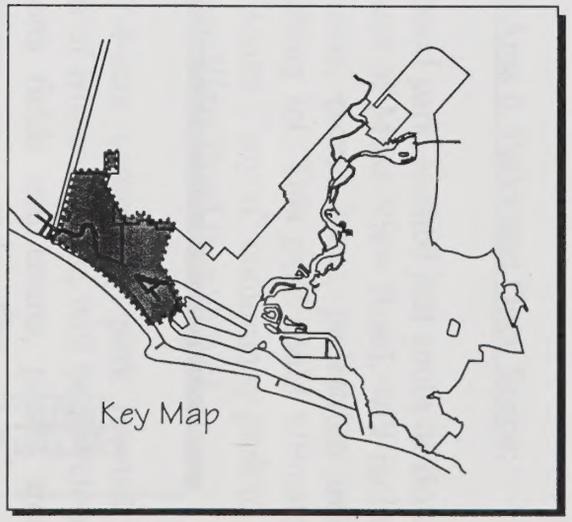

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BALBOA PENINSULA

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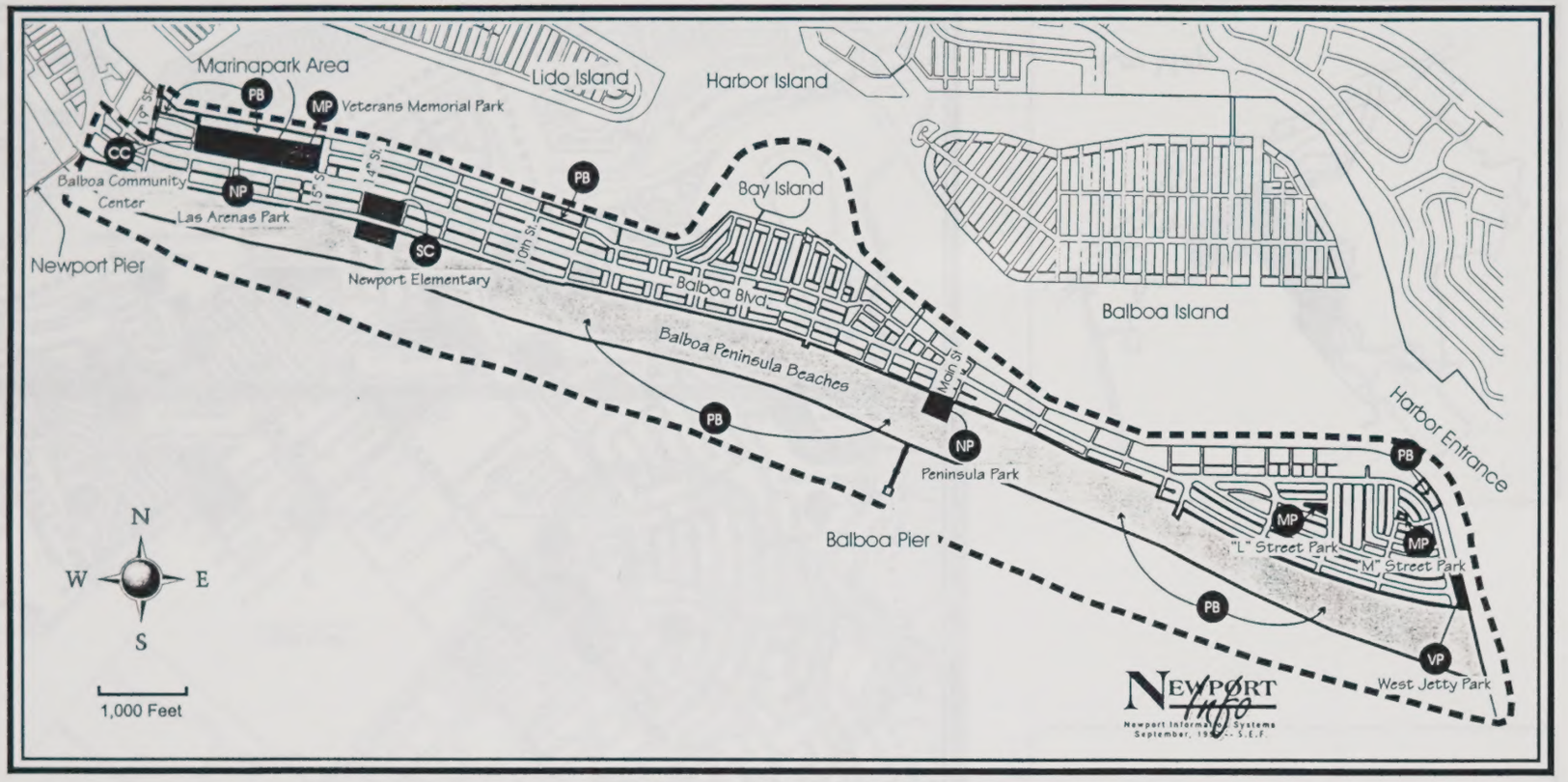

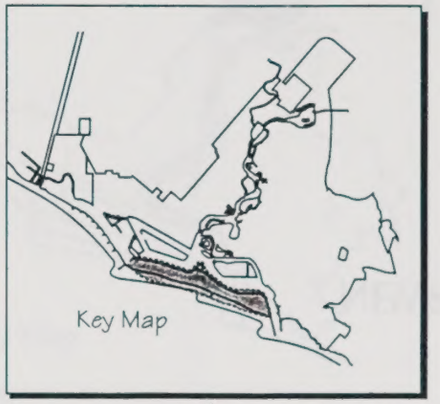

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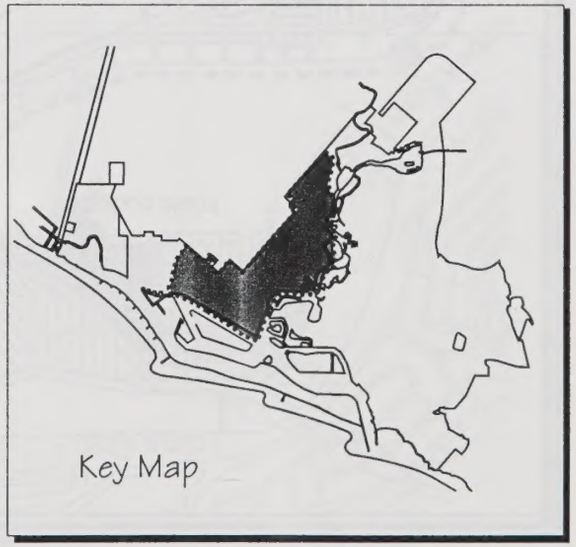

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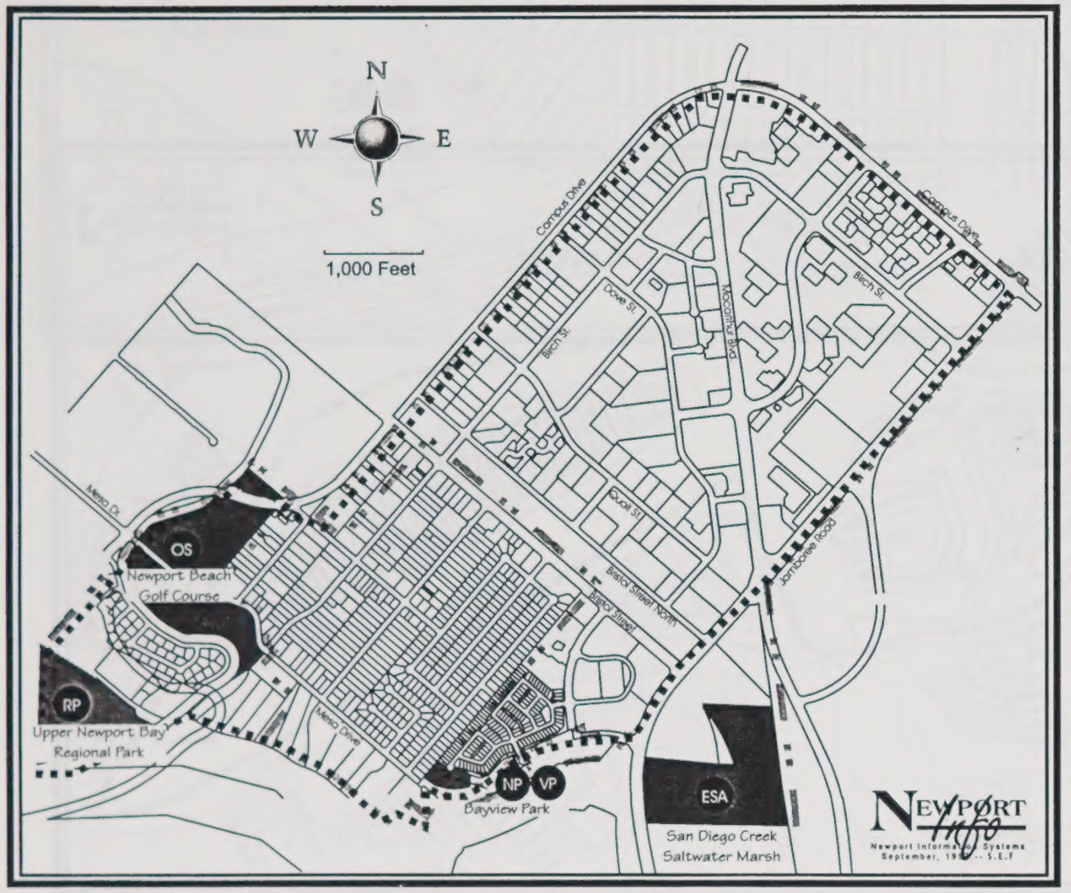

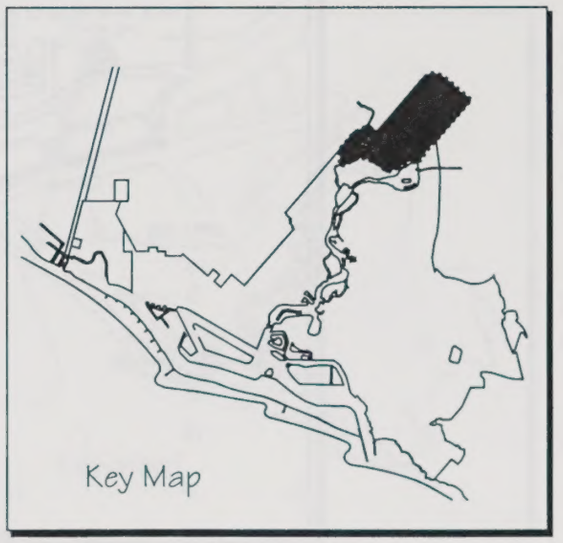

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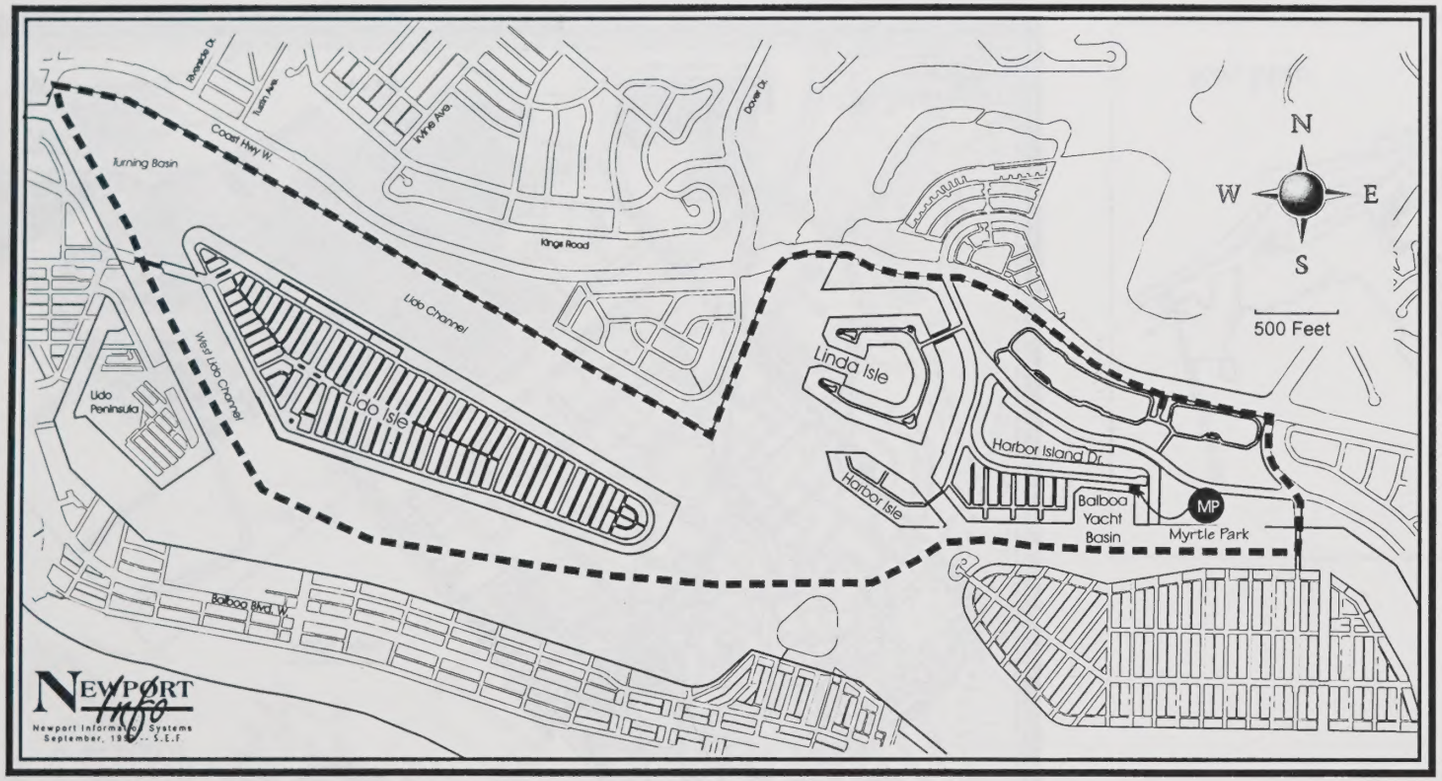
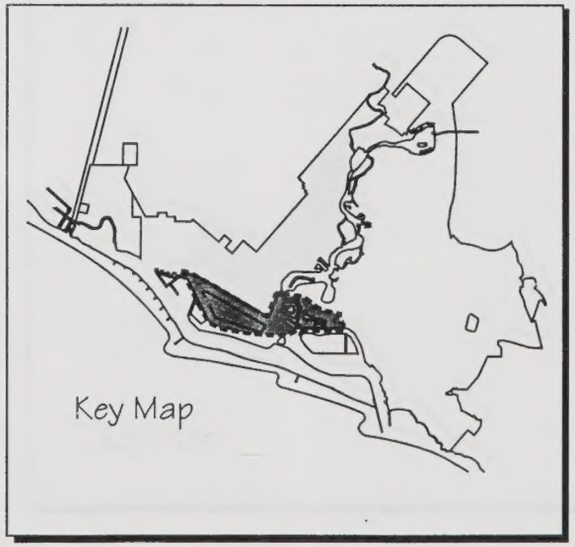
LIDO ISLE - LOWER BAY





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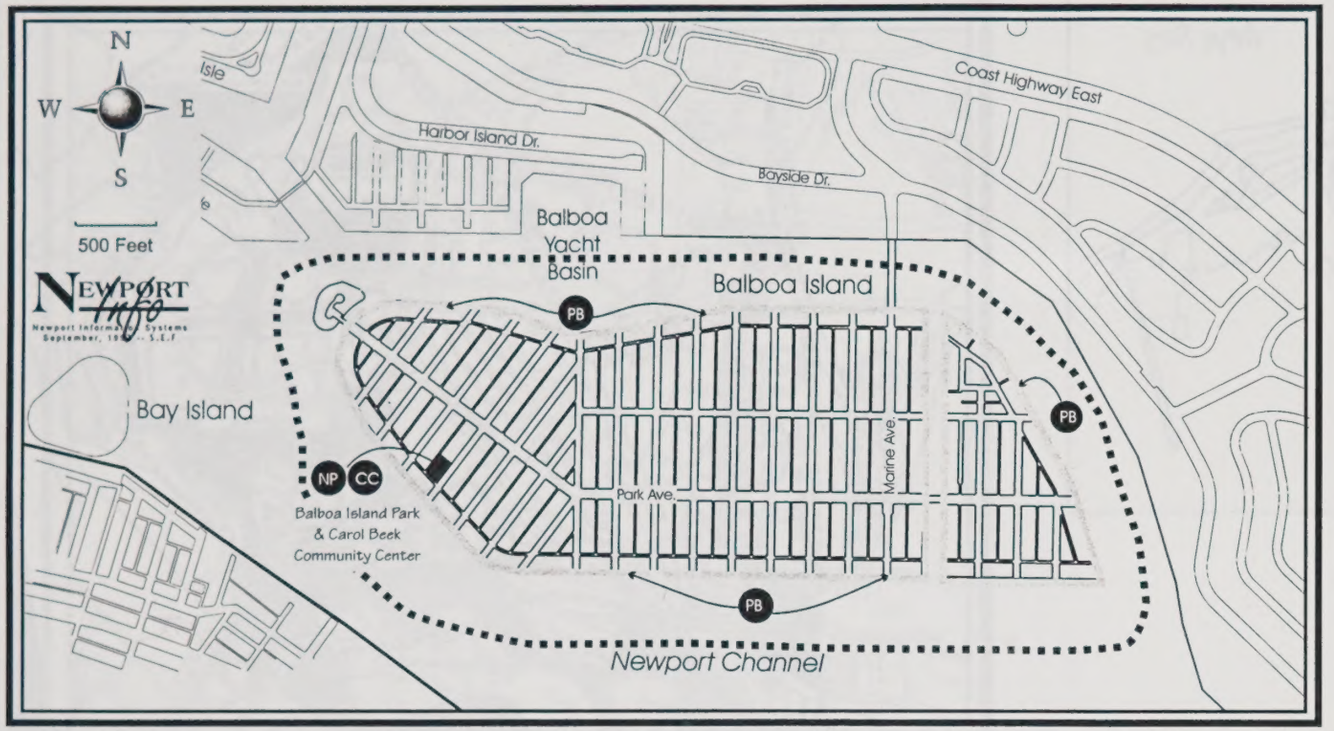

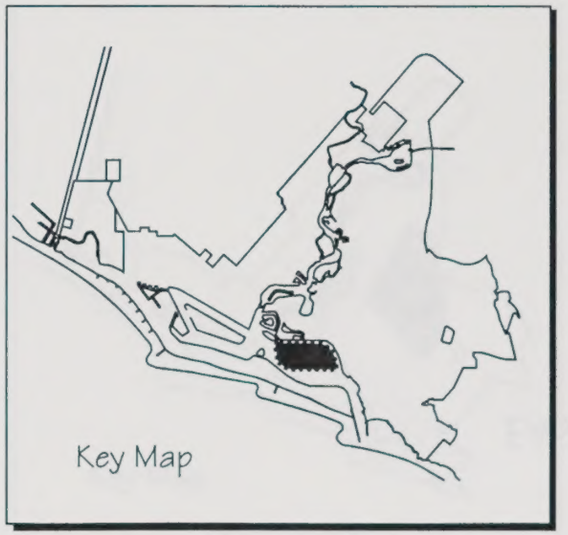

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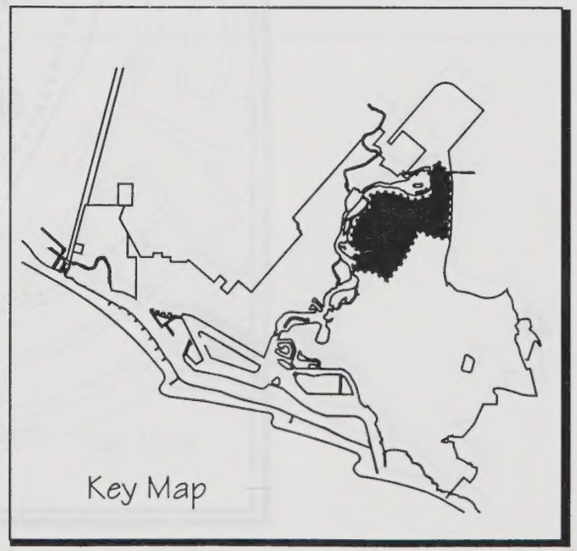

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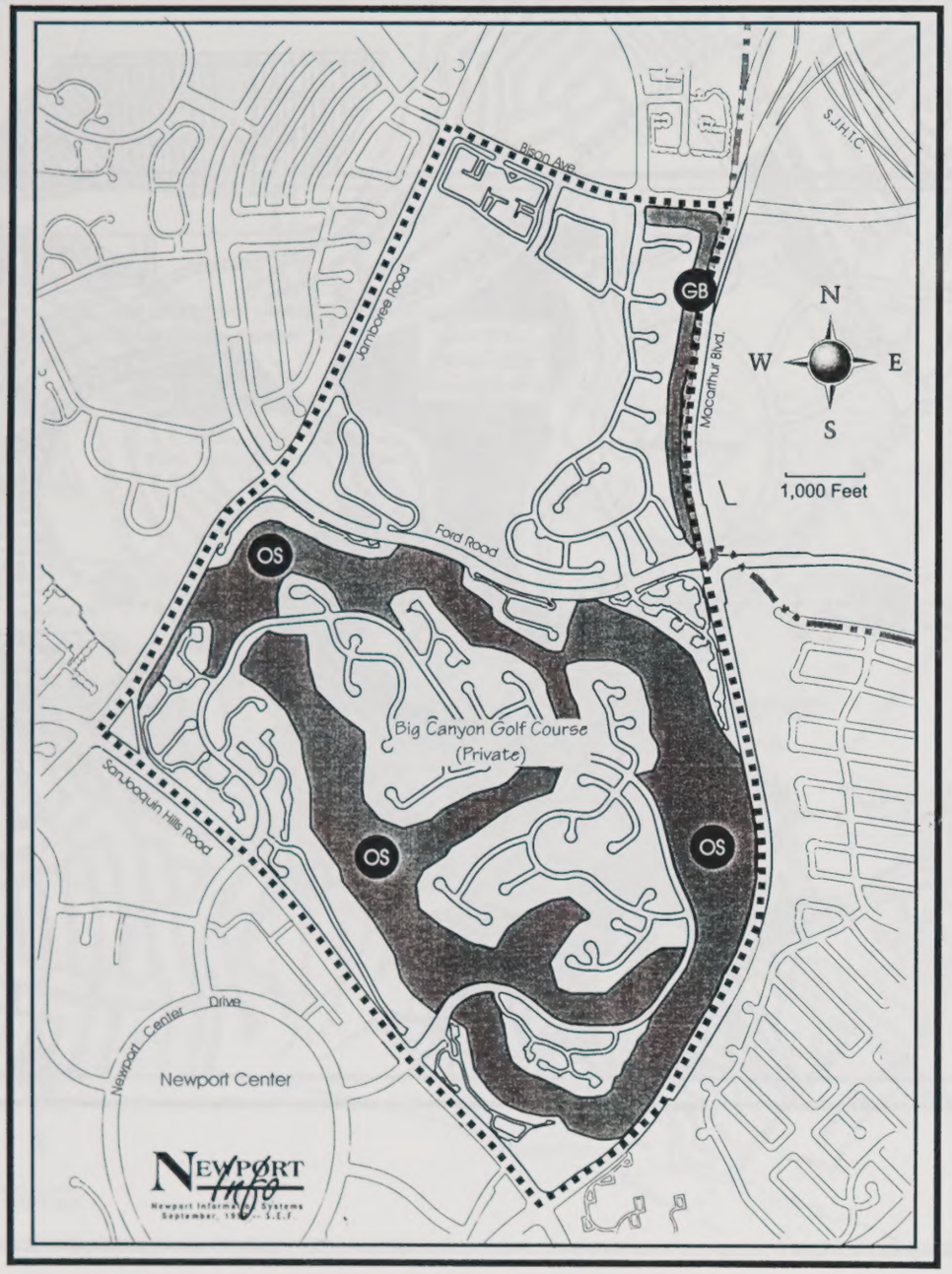

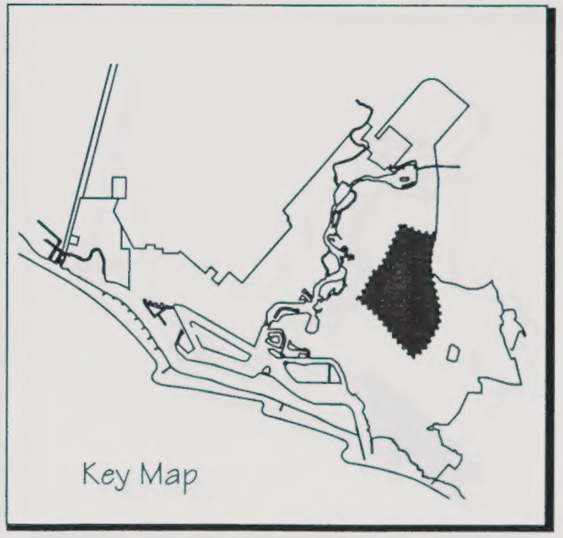

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NEWPORT CENTER

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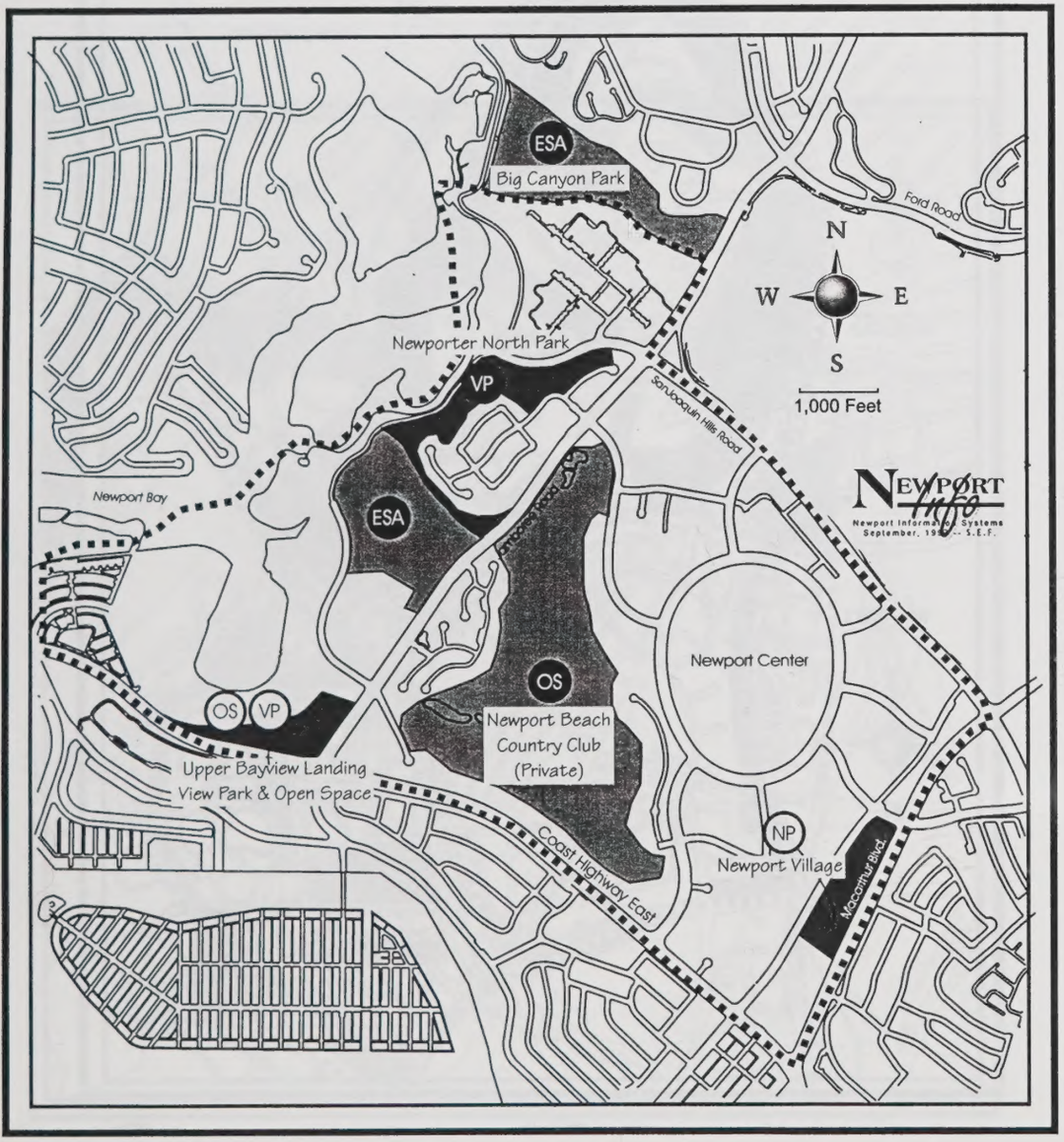

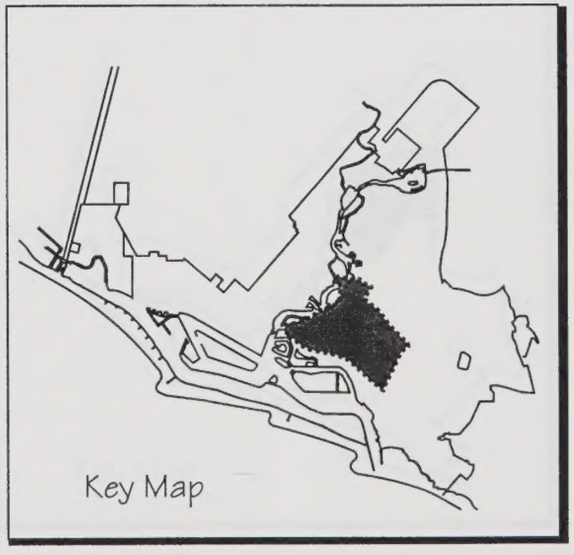

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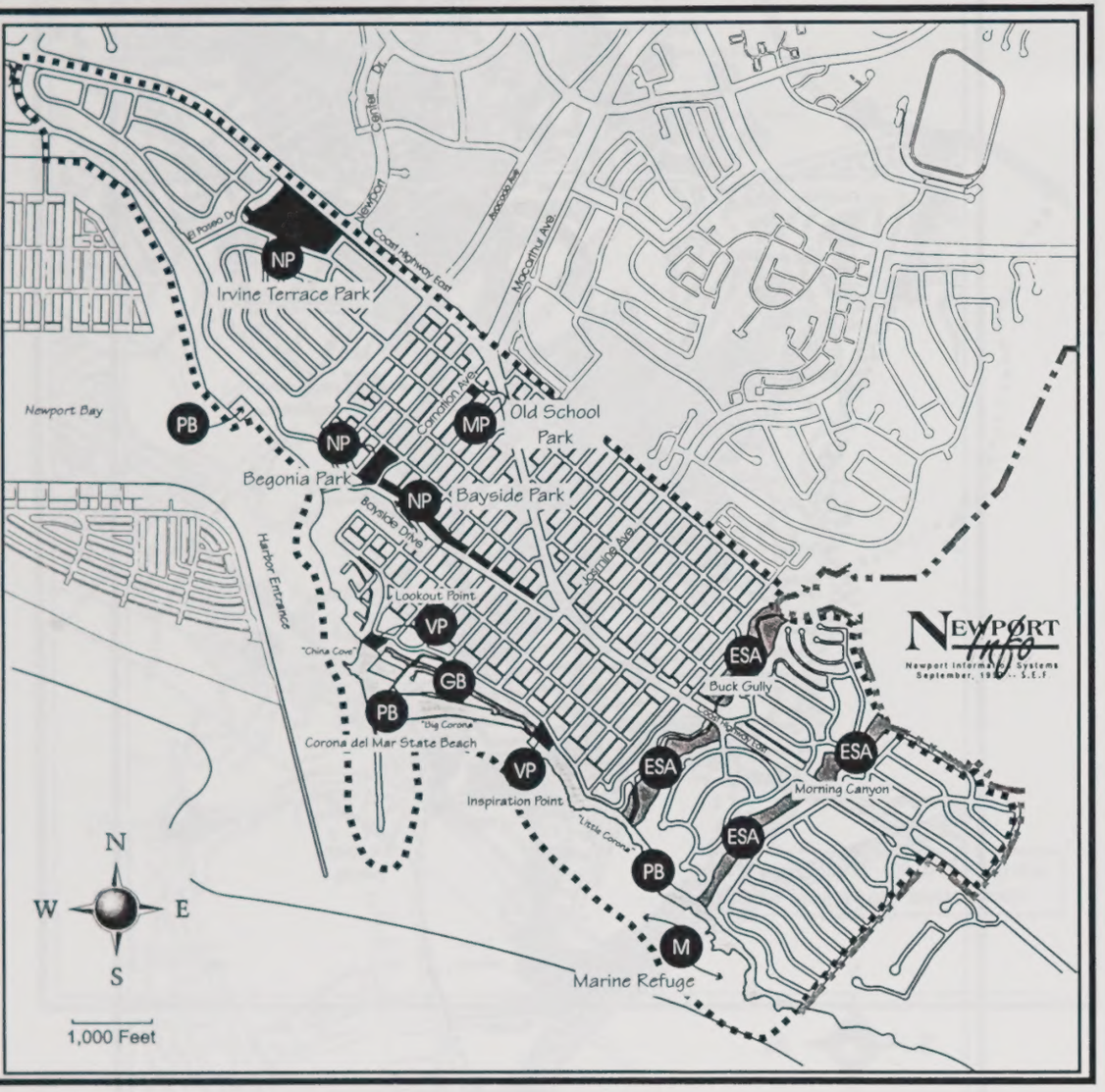
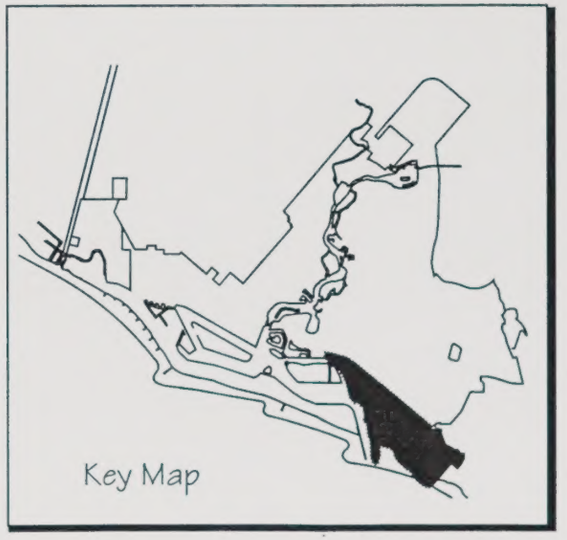
SERVICE AREA 10

CORONA DEL MAR



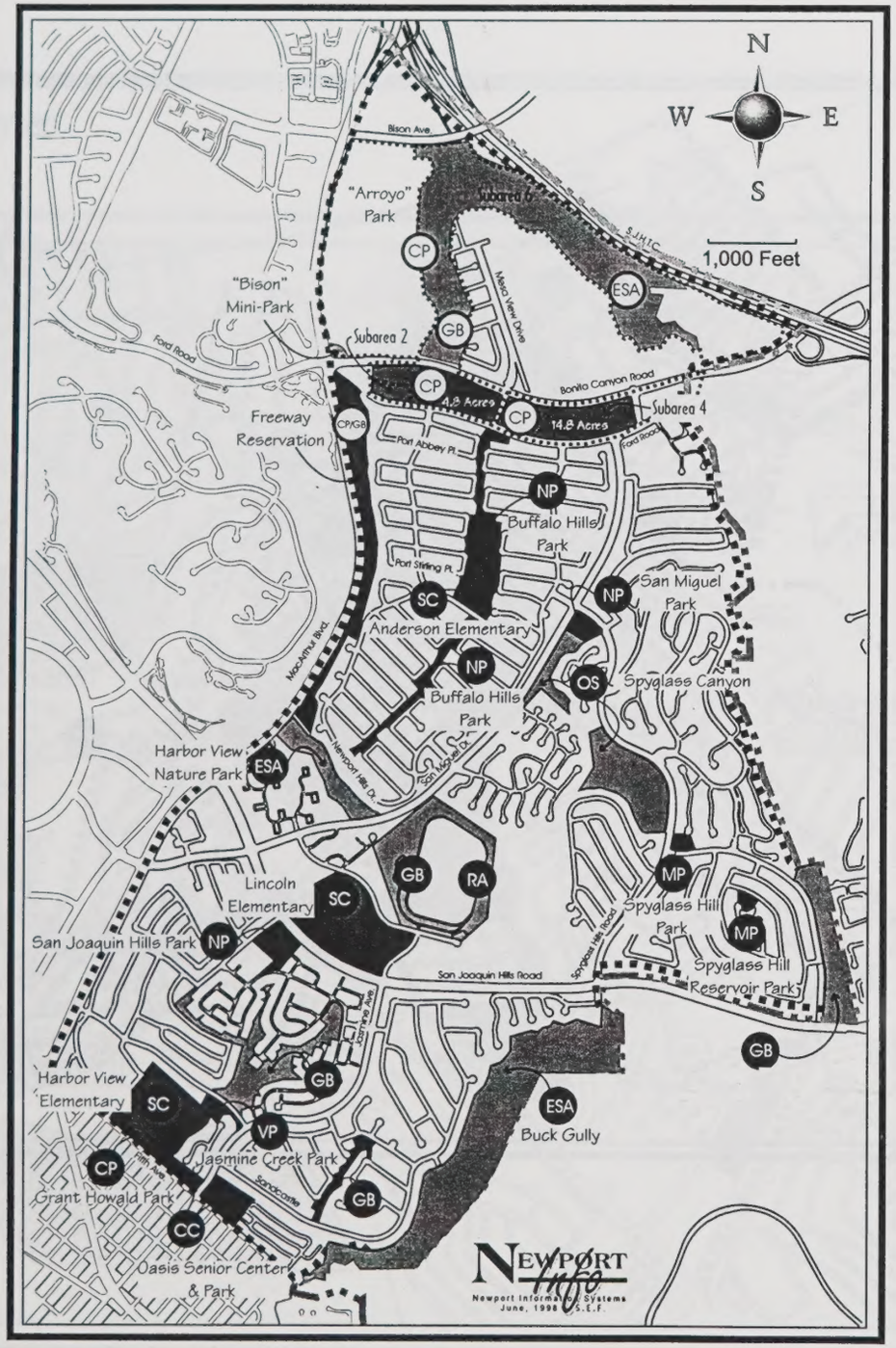


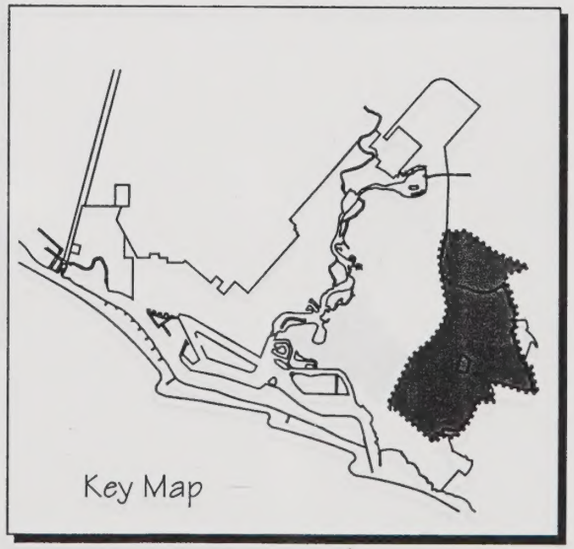
Newport Beach Recreation & Open Space Plan

RECREATION
- MP — Mini Park
- NP — Neighborhood Park
- CP — Community Park
- VP — View Park
- SC — Schools
- RP — Regional Park

OPEN SPACE
- ESA — Environmentally Sensitive Area
- M — Marine Refuge
- GB — Greenbelt
- PB — PUBLIC BEACH
- EXISTING
- PROPOSED

SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY
CITY BOUNDARY



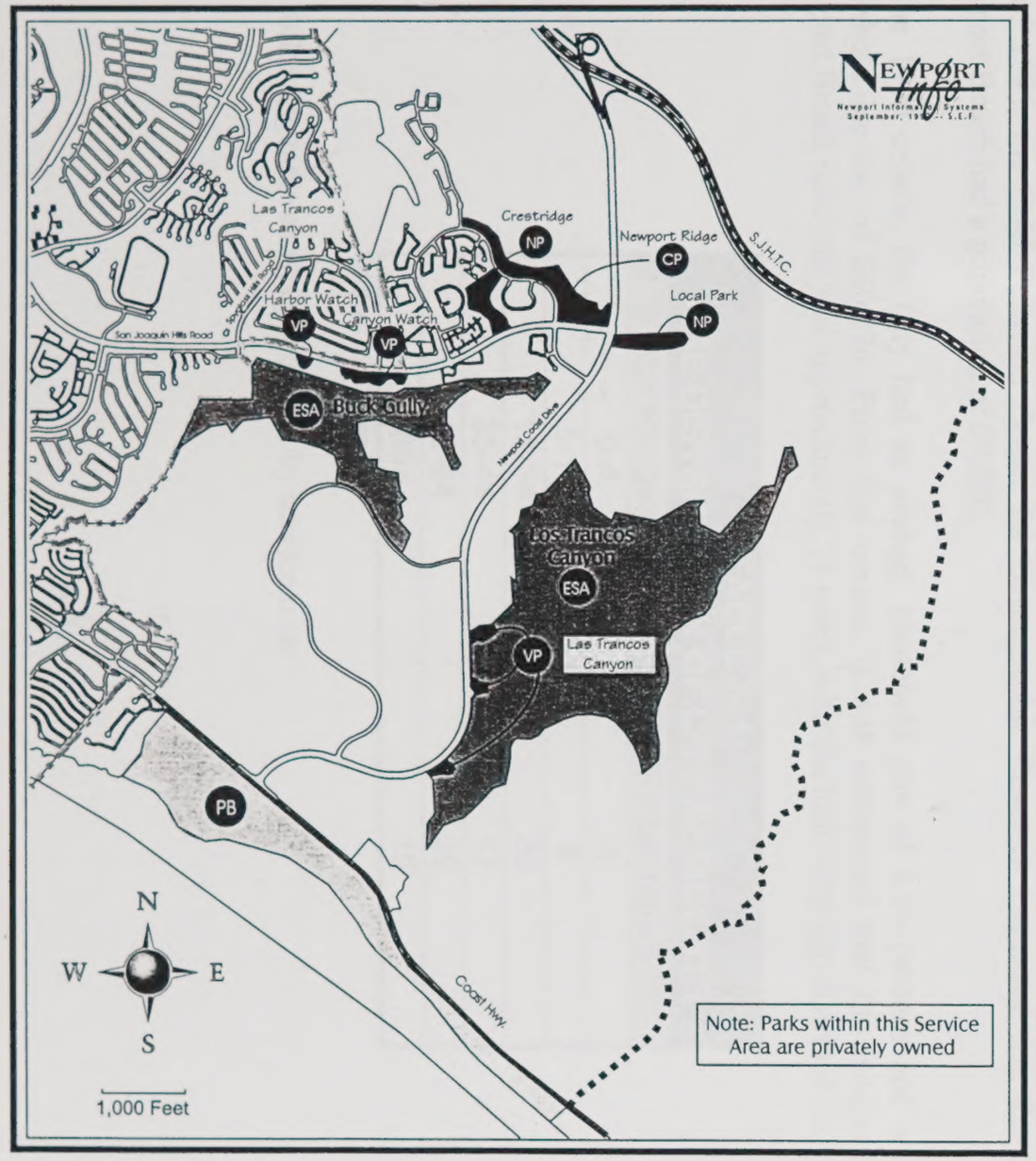


SERVICE AREA 11

HARBOR VIEW

Newport Beach Recreation & Open Space Plan

	RECREATION
MP	Mini Park
NP	Neighborhood Park
CP	Community Park
VP	View Park
SC	Schools
CC	Community Center
	OPEN SPACE
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area
OS	Open Space
GB	Greenbelt
RA	Restricted Access
ER	Ecological Reserve
PB	PUBLIC BEACH
	EXISTING
	PROPOSED
	SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY
	CITY BOUNDARY
	BONITA CANYON SUBAREAS

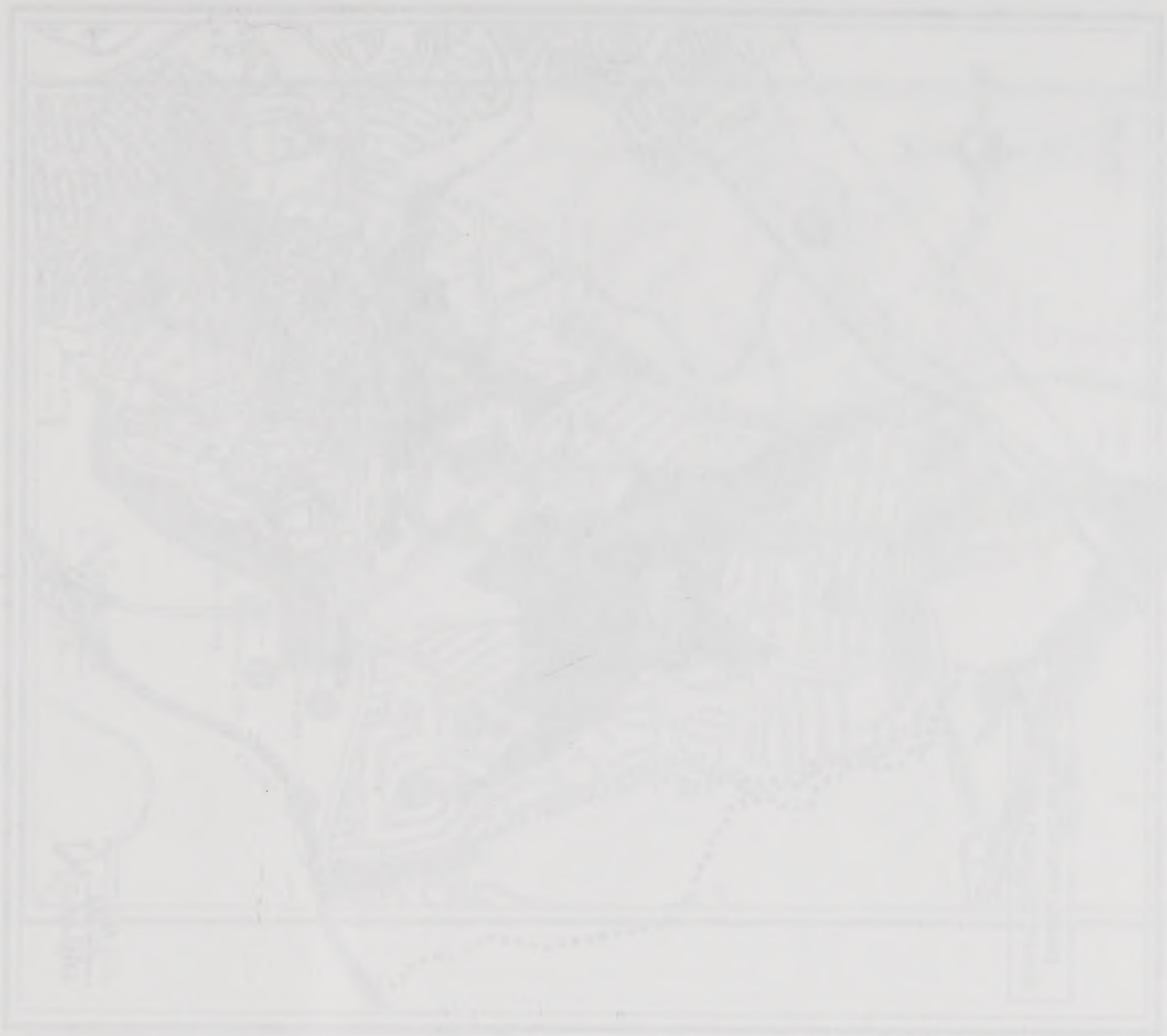


SERVICE AREA 12

NEWPORT COAST

Newport Beach Recreation & Open Space Plan

	RECREATION
MP	Mini Park
NP	Neighborhood Park
CP	Community Park
VP	View Park
SC	Schools
CC	Community Center
	OPEN SPACE
ESA	Environmentally Sensitive Area
OS	Open Space
GB	Greenbelt
RA	Restricted Access
ER	Ecological Reserve
PB	PUBLIC BEACH
	EXISTING
	PROPOSED
	NEWPORT BEACH SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
	CITY BOUNDARY



A. TECHNICAL APPENDIX

- *DEMOGRAPHICS AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*
- *CIOSA AGREEMENT*
- *EXISTING BEACH AND HARBOR FACILITIES*
- *INVENTORY OF FACILITIES*
- *SURVEYS OF RECREATION NEEDS*

The Recreation and Open Space Element is based in part on the information contained in this technical appendix. Included are data on existing service levels and facilities, results from the surveys of recreation needs, and a listing of probable future park and open space acquisitions.

DEMOGRAPHICS AND SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Various existing conditions affect the City's recreation and open space system. These include such factors as leisure patterns, environmental characteristics, demographic characteristics, existing beach and harbor facilities, and costs to acquire, improve, maintain, and operate the existing system.

A. Demographics

As of 1995, the CSU Fullerton Center for Demographic Research estimated that the City of Newport Beach had a population of 69,590.

At the 1990 census, the City had an average household size of 2.16 persons and a median household income of $60,374. From that census, it was determined that the median age of Newport Beach residents was approximately 39 years, with the following age distribution:

TABLE A-1:
AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CITY RESIDENTS

Age Range (yrs)	Percentage
0-4	4
5-17	9
18-34	30
35-44	17
45-64	25
65+	15

Source: 1990 Census

The following table shows population by service area:

TABLE A-2:
POPULATION BY SERVICE AREA

Service Area and Location	1995 Population	2010 Population	Census Tracts
1: West Newport/Newport Shores	12,930	14,180	635, 63601, 63602, 63603
2: Lower Balboa Peninsula	5,110	5,580	628
3: Newport Hts./Harb. Highlands/Dover Shores	*12,860	*13,930	634, 63009, 63010, 63103
4: Santa Ana Heights, Airport Commercial	630	630	62610, 63009, 63101
5: Lido Harbor, Linda Isle, Bay Shore	3,460	4,610	629, 63005
6: Balboa Island	3,570	3,920	63006
7: Eastbluff/North Ford	**6,260	**7,140	62610, 63004, 63007
8: Big Canyon/Belcourt	2,790	3,300	63007
9: Newport Center/Park Newport	2,180	2,220	63004, 63008
10: Corona del Mar/Irvine Terrace	8,880	9,730	62617, 62701, 62702
11: Harbor View/Spyglass/Harbor Ridge, Bonita	10,920	15,770	62617, 62618
TOTAL	**69,590**	**81,010**	
12: Newport Coast (potential annexation area) projected max. population: 10,300			

**13490 - 630; subtracting pop. near Back Bay belonging to Area 4. **7260 - 1000, subtracting pop. in Park Newport belonging to Area 9*

Source: CSU Fullerton Center for Demographic Research 5/97 OCTAM, and General Plan Land Use Element, and Bonita Canyon annexation population estimate.

B. School Enrollment

Enrollment figures and capacities for public schools located within the City are shown in the following table:

TABLE A-3:
NEWPORT-MESA SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND CAPACITIES

SCHOOL	SERVICE AREA	1995-96 ENROLLMENT	1996-97 ENROLLMENT	CAPACITY
Elementary				
Andersen K-6	11	422	**473**	604
Harbor View K-6	11	442	**483**	744
Lincoln K-6	11	719	**786**	1259
Mariners K-6	3	685	**722**	716
Newport K-6	2	551	**665**	744
Newport Heights K-6	3	545	**547**	688
Junior High				
Ensign 7-8	3	924	**993**	1014
High				
Corona del Mar 7-12	7	1403	**1473**	2746
Newport Harbor 9-12	3	1556	**1776**	2920

Source: Newport-Mesa Unified School District

CIOSA AGREEMENT

The following table shows the properties dedicated by the Irvine Company for recreation and open space uses under the Circulation Improvement and Open Space agreement (CIOSA) between the City and the Irvine Company:

TABLE A-4: CIOSA - OPEN SPACE DEDICATION

	PROPERTY	OPEN SPACE ACRES TO BE DEDICATED	DEDICATION TIMING
1	San Diego Creek South	2.4	3
2	San Diego Creek North	0	N/A
3	Jamboree/MacArthur	4.7	3
4	Upper Castaways	30.6	2
5	Bay View Landing	11.1	1
6	Newporter North	47.2	2
7	Block 800	0	N/A
8	Corporate Plaza West	0	N/A
9	Freeway Reservation	17.3	2
10	Newporter Knoll	12.0	1
11	Newporter Resort	0	N/A
12	Newport Village	12.8	4
	TOTAL	**138.1 acres**	

DEDICATION TIMING:

(1) Open Space to be dedicated upon Effective Date of Agreement.
(2) Open Space to be dedicated upon issuance of first building permit.
(3) Open Space shall be offered for dedication upon issuance of last building permit of all projects contained in CIOSA agreement. The Irvine Company may elect to waive this condition.
(4) Open Space area to be dedicated upon issuance of first building permits for both Upper Castaways and Newporter North.

EXISTING BEACH AND HARBOR FACILITIES

The City contains approximately six miles of sandy ocean beach, plus small beaches along the bay. The width of the ocean beaches vary from area to area along the coast. The beaches at Little Corona and the Marine Life Refuge are very narrow and rocky. The Balboa Peninsula has small beaches on the bay side, such as 10th and 15th Streets, and a broad ocean beach, averaging over 400 feet in width. In west Newport, by contrast, the beach is seldom more than 200 feet wide.

Public parking lots are located at Corona del Mar State Beach, Balboa Pier, Newport Pier, and City Hall. Restroom facilities are concentrated in relatively few areas adjacent to piers and some street ends. There are long stretches of beaches that do not have conveniently located public restrooms. The availability of public restrooms is also a problem for people on boats not equipped with restroom facilities and for visitors to Upper Newport Bay.

Newport Harbor is one of the largest small craft harbors in the United States. Thousands of small boats are moored at residential piers, commercial slips or bay moorings launched at the boat ramps and kept in dry storage in areas adjacent to the harbor and the Upper Bay or trailered from other areas. The harbor contains 1,230 residential piers, 2,119 commercial slips and side ties, and 1,221 bay moorings. The Harbor Patrol has 11 moorings and five slips which are available to guests and also assists visiting boats in finding a place to stay once these are occupied. The harbor has eight marinas, four gas docks/service stations, boat pump-out facilities, numerous boat rentals, and firms providing fishing excursions and harbor tours. Several yacht clubs provide their members with storage and launching facilities. Privately-owned launching facilities are available to the general public in the Upper Bay but are primarily used for launching power boats since most sailboats cannot pass under the PCH bridge over the Bay. The public bay beach at 18th Street is used to launch small sailboats.

INVENTORY OF FACILITIES

The following is an inventory of public and private recreation facilities within Newport Beach as of early 1998:

TABLE A-5:
EXISTING (1998) PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

PARK-RECREATION FACILITY	Usable Acres	Active/ Passive	TYPE AND FACILITIES	ADA Access ?
SERVICE AREA 1: WEST NEWPORT				
Channel Place Park	1.2	A	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; half basketball court; 2 picnic tables; 2 barbecues; play area and swings; benches; restrooms; dr/fountain; bay frontage	no
Gateway Park	0.3	P	Passive Mini-Park: Landscaped entry sign (no recreation facilities)	
Lido Park	0.2	P	View Park: Turf; benches; dr/fountain; view of bay	yes
Newport Island Park	0.3	A	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; ½ basketball court; 2 picnic tables; 1 barbecue; play area; benches; dr/fountain; view of bay	yes
Newport Shores Park	0.2	A	View Park: Turf area; play area; benches; dr/fountain; view of bay	no
Rhine-Wharf Park	0.1	P	View Park: Benches; view of bay	yes
West Newport Community Center	0.4	A	Recreation center: Gym; classrooms; fitness center; locker rooms, play area (+ .3 ac. free parking)	no
West Newport Park	4.6	3.8 A 0.8 P	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; half basketball court; 17 picnic tables; play areas; benches; 4 tennis courts; 4 racquetball courts; restrooms/showers; dr/fountains; (+ 1.9 ac. metered parking)	east portion only
Sunset View Park	0.8	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; walkway	yes
38th Street Park	1.0	A	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; 1½ basketball courts; 2 picnic tables; play area; dr/fountain; restrms.	no

TABLE A-5:
EXISTING (1998) PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

PARK-RECREATION FACILITY	Usable Acres	Active/ Passive	TYPE AND FACILITIES	ADA Access ?
Total Park Acreage	**9.1**		**6.9 ac. active + 2.2 ac. passive**	
West Newport Beaches	34 ac. active 34 ac. passive		Public Beaches: Swimming; beach play; volleyball; sunning; benches (average width = 200', with active recreation concentrated in 100' nearest the water)	no
SERVICE AREA 2: BALBOA PENINSULA				
Balboa Community Center	0.1	A	Recreation Center: Meeting room; dance floor; restrooms (+ .1 ac. parking)	yes
"L" Street Park	0.3	P	Mini Park: Turf area; benches; dr/fountain	no
Las Arenas Park	1.3	A	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; half basketball court; play area; benches; 4 tennis courts; dr/fountains, Girl Scout House (lease from City)	no
"M" Street Park	0.1	P	Mini Park: Turf area; benches	yes
Newport and Balboa Piers	n/a		Municipal Piers: Walking; views; fishing; food concessions	yes
Peninsula Park (at Balboa Pier)	3.5	2.6 A 0.9 P	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; 4 picnic tables; 3 barbecues; 1 ball diamond; 1 athletic field; beach volleyball; play area; gazebo; restrooms/showers; view of ocean (+ 1.1 ac. metered parking)	no
Veterans Memorial Park	0.4	P	Neighborhood Park: Turf area; 3 picnic tables; benches; 2 barbecues; dr/fountain; view of bay, American Legion Hall (+ .9 ac. metered parking)	no
West Jetty Park	0.8	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; fishing; 1 recreational table; view of ocean/bay	yes
Total Park Acreage	**6.5**		**5.3 ac. active + 1.2 ac. passive**	
School Recreation Site: Newport Elementary School	3.3	A	Turf area; basketball; playground (located on beach front sand area leased from City since 1950)	
Peninsula Beaches: Bay and Ocean (e.g. 10th Street Beach, 16-19th Street Beach, etc.)	44 ac. active 132 ac. passive		Public Beaches: Swimming; beach play; sunning; benches; dr/fountain; parking lots/meters, hand-carried boat launching (ocean beaches avg. width = 400', with active recreation concentrated in 100' nearest the water)	
SERVICE AREA 3: NEWPORT HEIGHTS - UPPER BAY				
Bob Henry Park	4.4	3.5 A 0.9 P	Active Neighborhood Park; 2 ball fields; soccer field; play equipment; restrooms; athletic group storage; dr/fountain; (+ .4 ac. free parking)	yes
Bolsa Park	0.2	A	Mini Park: Turf area; play area and equipment; 1 picnic table; benches; dr/fountain	yes
Castaways Park	17.4	P	View Park: Bike and hiking trails; view of bay	yes

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EXISTING (1998) PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

PARK-RECREATION FACILITY	Usable Acres	Active/ Passive	TYPE AND FACILITIES	ADA Access ?
Cliff Drive Park & Community Center	4.6	0.4 A 4.2 P	View Park and Community Center: Multi-Purpose Room; half basketball court; play area; picnic area; barbecues; benches; restrooms; views of bay and ocean; street parking only	no
Ensign Park	1.8	P	View Park: Turf area, benches; view of bay; Theater Arts Center (+ .3 ac. parking)	no
Galaxy Park	1.0	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; view of back bay	yes
Kings Road Park	0.4	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; view of ocean/bay	no
Mariners Park (including A. Vincent Jorgensen Community Center)	6.0	A	Community Park: Multi-purpose room; playfields with lights on one side; softball diamonds w/bleachers; 2 tennis courts w/lights; 2 racketball courts; play area; BBQ's benches; restrooms; (plus branch library and fire station)	yes
North Star Beach	11.6	P	Public Beach: Beach, sunning, dr/fountain [state-owned but jointly-held w/County as tidelands trust] (+ .5 ac. free parking). Plus Newport Aquatic Center: Club recreation center with Classrooms; weight room, locker rooms, hand-carried boat launching; outrigger canoe launching (leased from City)	no
Westcliff Park	2.8	P	View Park: Turf area; view of ocean/bay (+ .2 ac. parking)	no
Total Park Acreage	**50.2**		**21.6 ac. active + 28.6 ac. passive**	
School Recreation Sites:				
Mariners Elementary School	5.4	A	• Basketball; playfields. Accommodates overflow from adjacent Mariner's Park for active recreation.	
Newport Heights Elem. School	4.9	A	• Open space/play areas. Provides facilities near boundary with Costa Mesa.	
Horace Ensign Jr. High School	7.6	A	• Volleyball; basketball; playfields; gymnasium. Playfields used for soccer and other organized programs; gym available for some City programs.	
Newport Harbor High School	19.9	A	• Tennis; volleyball; basketball; playfields; swim pool.	
Total School Recreation Acres	37.8	A		
SERVICE AREA 4: SANTA ANA HEIGHTS				
Bayview Park	2.0	1.0A 1.0P	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; bike trail access; full basketball court; play area; 2 picnic tables; play area; dr/fountains; view of upper Bay	yes
Total Park Acreage	**2.0**		**1 ac. active + 1 ac. passive**	

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EXISTING (1998) PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

PARK-RECREATION FACILITY	Usable Acres	Active/ Passive	TYPE AND FACILITIES	ADA Access ?
SERVICE AREA 5: LIDO ISLE - LOWER BAY				
Myrtle Park	0.1	P	Mini Park: Turf area; benches; pay phone	yes
Total Park Acreage	**0.1**		**0.1 ac. passive**	
SERVICE AREA 6: BALBOA ISLAND				
Balboa Island Park and Carroll Beek Community Center	0.3	A	Neighborhood Park-Active: Recreation center; ½ basketball court; 1 bench; play area; 1 dr/fountain	yes
Total Park Acreage	**0.3**		**0.3 ac. active**	
Balboa Island Beaches	1.0 active 6.9 passive		Swimming, beach play, boating (active recreation area = area nearest water, approximately 1 acre)	
SERVICE AREA 7: EASTBLUFF - NEWPORT NORTH				
Big Canyon Park	39.2	P	Environmentally Sensitive Area: Hiking trails; view of back bay	no
Bonita Creek Park	13.1	A	Community Park: Rec. center; 1 lighted soccer field; 2 ball diamonds (1 lighted); ½ basketball court; restrms; play area; picnic area; 8 picnic tables; (+1.1 ac. free pkng)	no
Eastbluff Park	18.7	10.2 A 8.5 P	Community Park: Turf area; 1 ball diamond; 1 athletic field; play area; 3 picnic tables; 2 BBQ's; benches; restrooms; dr/fountains (+.8 ac. free parking) (Park includes portion used by Boys/Girls Club, with gym, activity center, community room, and classrooms)	yes
Total Park Acreage	**71.0**		**23.3 ac. active + 47.7 ac. passive**	
School Recreation Site: Corona del Mar High School & Marian Bergeson Aquatic Ctr .	22.8	A	• Basketball; field sports; tennis; volleyball • Swimming; diving; water polo	
SERVICE AREA 9: NEWPORT CENTER				
"Newporter North" Park	4.0	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; view of upper bay.	yes
Total Park Acreage	**4.0**		**4 ac. passive**	
SERVICE AREA 10: CORONA DEL MAR				
Bayside Park	2.5	0.4 A 2.1 P	Neighborhood Park: Turf area; play area; benches	no
Begonia Park	2.0	0.8 A 1.2 P	Neighborhood Park: Turf area; 2 play areas; 2 barbecues; 2 picnic tables; benches; drinking fountain; view of bay/ocean	no
Harbor View Nature Park	10.2	P	Passive Neighborhood Park: Hiking trails	no
Inspiration Point	1.4	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; view of ocean	yes
Irvine Terrace Park	6.5	A	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; play area; 1 basketball court; 2 small playfields; 2 tennis courts; benches; 5 picnic tables; 2 barbecues; dr/fountains; view of bay/ocean; restrooms	south portion only

TABLE A-5:
EXISTING (1998) PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

PARK-RECREATION FACILITY	Usable Acres	Active/ Passive	TYPE AND FACILITIES	ADA Access ?
Lookout Point	1.0	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; drinking fountains; telescope; view of bay/ocean	yes
Old School Park	0.3	P	Mini Park: Turf area; bench	yes
Total Park Acreage	**23.9**		**7.7 ac. active + 16.2 ac. passive**	
Corona del Mar Beaches:				
Corona del Mar State Beach ("Big Corona": City-operated State Beach)	11.4	A	State Beach Park: Turf area; 10 volleyball courts; 4 picnic tables; 4 barbecues; 20 fire rings; benches; swimming; fishing; restrooms/showers; food concessions; dr/fountains; view of bay/ocean; pay phones; (+ 5.7 ac. metered parking)	no
"Little Corona" Beach	1.5	P	Public Beach: Tidepools; group visits	
Beach Totals:	11.4 active 1.5 passive			
SERVICE AREA 11: HARBOR VIEW				
Buffalo Hills Park	16.1	10.0 A 6.1 P	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; 2 play areas; 1 ball diamond; 1 basketball court; 1 volleyball court; athletic field; benches; 11 picnic tables; 5 barbecues; 2 restrooms; drinking fountains	yes
Grant Howald Park	4.9	4.3 A 0.6 P	Community Park: Community Youth Center (with dance floor, multipurpose room, and meeting room); play area; 1 lighted ball diamond; 1 basketball court; 2 tennis courts; picnic area; turf area; 3 tables; 2 barbecues; restrooms (+ .8 ac. free parking)	no
Jasmine Creek Park	0.2	P	View Park: Turf area; benches; view of ocean	yes
Lincoln Athletic Center	12.4	A	Community Park: 3 playfields (2 lighted); 1 basketball court; gym; restrooms, (leased from School District)	no
Oasis Passive Park and Senior Center	5.6	2.8 A 2.8 P	Community Center: Senior Center; turf area; public garden plots; (+ 1.5 ac. free parking)	yes
San Joaquin Hills Park	3.5	A	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; benches; 4 tennis courts; restrooms; dr/fountains; 2 picnic tables; lawn bowling greens and clubhouse (leased to Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Assoc.; petanque court (+ .6 ac. free parking)	no
San Miguel Park	6.9	5.2 A 1.7 P	Active Neighborhood Park: Turf area; 1 athletic field; 1 ball diamond; 1 basketball court; 4 racketball courts; play area; 6 picnic tables; benches; 2 barbecues; dr/fountains; restrooms (+ .4 ac. free parking)	yes
Spyglass Hill Park	1.3	A	Mini park: Turf area; benches; play area; dr/fountain	no

TABLE A-5:
EXISTING (1998) PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION FACILITIES

PARK-RECREATION FACILITY	Usable Acres	Active/ Passive	TYPE AND FACILITIES	ADA Access ?
Spyglass Reservoir Park	1.0	A	Mini Park: Turf area; play area; playground equipment; benches; 1 picnic table; panoramic view	yes
Total Park Acreage	**51.9**		**28.5 ac. active + 23.4 ac. passive**	
School Recreation Sites:				
Andersen Elementary School	1.6		• Basketball; Field Sports; Volleyball	
Harbor View Elem. School	3.0		• Field Sports	
Lincoln Elementary	*		* Acreage included within Lincoln Athletic Ctr. above.	
Total School Recreation Acres	4.6	A		
Other Recreation Area: Upper Newport Bay Regional Park (County)			Passive Regional Park: Bike paths; views; nature trails; 10,000 sq.ft. nature center; 136 acres (excluding water)	
Grand Total: Park Acreage	**219.0**		106.6 ac. active + 112.4 ac. passive (plus 136 acres in Upper Bay Regional Park: water, trails, ecological reserve, open space)	
Grand Total: Active Beach Recreation Acreage	**90.4**		(plus 174 ac. passive beach open space – typically not active recreational because of distance from water)	
Grand Total: School Recreation Acreage	**68.5**			

SERVICE AREA 12: NEWPORT COAST (private parks within potential annexation area)				
Canyon Watch Park	3.2	P	View Park: Boulder outcroppings; picnic tables; scenic overlook; offstreet parking	
Crestridge Park	8.4	P	Passive Neighborhood Park: Ornamental landscaping; tot lot; walkway connections to Crestridge Road and Newport Coast Dr. West	
Harbor Watch Park	1.6	P	View Park: Boulder outcroppings; scenic overlook	
Los Trancos Canyon View Park	5.9	P	View Park: Picnic areas; benches; drinking fountains; scenic overlook; Los Trancos Canyon Trail access	
Newport Coast Local Park	12.8	A	Active Neighborhood Park: May include softball fields; soccer field, tot lot; basketball court; volleyball court; play jogging trail; pavilions; drinking fountains; restroom	
Newport Ridge Community Park	26.2	A/P	Community Park: athletic fields; basketball courts; sand volleyball court; tot lot; pavilions; entry court; gazebo; picnic area; restrooms; parking lot	
Total Private Park Acreage	**58.1**			

TABLE A-6:
EXISTING (1998) PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES

GROUP	FACILITIES							
YACHT CLUBS:	Sailing Docks	Moorage	Launch. Hoist	Club-house	Lockers	Showers	Beach Area	Programs/Other
Bahia Corinthian Y/C	X	X	X	X	X			marina
Balboa Y/C	X	X	X	X	X	X		sailing lessons
Balboa Bay Club	X	X		X	X	X	X	v/ball; gym; pool; scuba lessons etc.
Lido Isle Y/C	X	X		X			X	
Newport Harbor Y/C	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	sailing lessons
Shark Island Y/C	X			X		X		
South Shore Y/C	X		X	X	X	X		races; parent/child class; v/ball
Voyagers Y/C				X		X		racing & cruising
	* All clubhouses have space available for weddings and private parties.							

TABLE A-6 (cont.): EXISTING (1998) PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES

GROUP	FACILITIES	Open to Public?	Service Area
GOLF COURSES & COUNTRY CLUBS:			
Back Bay Golf Course (at Hyatt Newporter)	9-hole executive course, par 27	yes	9
Big Canyon Country Club	18-hole course, par 72, 6400 yards		8
Newport Beach Country Club	18-hole course, par 71, 6230 yards		9
Newport Beach Golf Course	18-hole course, par 59, 3200 yards	yes	4
TENNIS CLUBS:			
Balboa Bay Club Racquet Cl.	24 tennis courts		9
Newport Beach Tennis Club	19 tennis courts, 1 junior Olympic size pool		7
Palisades Tennis Club	15 tennis courts		9
Peninsula Point Racquet Club	2 tennis courts		2
YOUTH, FAMILY AND OTHER CLUBS:			
American Legion Hall (at Veterans Memorial Park)	Clubhouse/Activity Center with multipurpose room **(leased from City)**		2
Balboa Bay Club	1 tennis court, 1 racquetball court, 1 gym, 1 25-meter lap pool, 1 20-yard children's pool, 1 exercise room, sailing docks, moorage, clubhouse		3
Boys & Girls Club (at Eastbluff Park)	Gym, activity center, community room, and classrooms **(leased from City)**	yes	7
Girl Scout House (at Las Arenas Park)	Clubhouse/Activity Center with multipurpose room **(leased from City)**	yes	2
Lawn Bowling Club (at San Joaquin Hills Park)	Clubhouse with multipurpose room; 2 lawn bowling courts plus 1 Petanque court in park separate from Lawn Bowling Club **(leased from City)**	yes	11
Newport Aquatic Center (at North Star Beach)	Classrooms; weight room, locker rooms, hand-carried boat launching; outrigger canoeing **(leased from City)**	yes	3
Newport-Mesa Y.M.C.A	2 basketball courts, 2 racquetball courts, 1 classroom, 1 25-yard pool, 1 15-yard children's pool, 1 aerobics room, 1 sand volleyball court	yes	4
Orange Coast College Sailing and Rowing Base	Hand-carried boat launching; crew rowing; restrooms	yes	3
Boy Scout Sea Base	Webelos Aquatic Camp and Summer day camp: classes in sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, etc.	yes	3
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS (with parallel recreation programs):			
Eastbluff Homeowners Community Association	1 pool, activity center		7
Harbor View Community Assoc.	1 pool, activity center		11
Lido Isle Community Assoc.	3 tennis courts, 1 activity room		5
Newport Hills Comm. Assoc.	1 pool, activity center		11
Newport Shores Comm. Assoc.	1 pool		1

SURVEYS OF RECREATION NEEDS

Recreation and Open Space Surveys were conducted for the preparation of this Element between December 1996 and February 1997 by means of public surveys of residents and to officials and coaches of sports leagues co-sponsored by the City. The following summarize the responses to the questions indicated:

1. **RESIDENT SURVEY - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:**

   - Which of the following public recreational facilities would you like to have or have more of in the City of Newport Beach?

   - What other type(s) of public recreational facilities would you like to have or have more of in the City?

TABLE A-7:
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WANTED

		Have Children in Recreational Activities?	
	TOTAL (236)	YES (106)	NO (139)
FACILITIES	Responses as Percent of Total		
Walking paths	60		
Bike paths	47		
Community pool/indoor pool	34		
Lighted tennis courts	25		
Roller rink/rollerblade facility	24	31*	18
Dog park	22		
Gymnasium	18		
Golf driving range	18		
Tot lot	17	28*	9
Public boat launch	17		
Community sailing base	17		
Lighted soccer field	13		
Lighted baseball/softball field	8		
Open Space	5		
Parks	5		
	* Significantly higher percentage than those without children in recreational activities		

2. RESIDENT SURVEY - ADDITIONAL ADULT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

- Which of the following adult recreational facilities would you like to have in the City of Newport Beach?

- What other type(s) of adult recreational facilities would you like to have, or have more of, in the City?

TABLE A-8:
ADULT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WANTED

	TOTAL (245)
FACILITIES	Responses as Percent of Total
Adult swimming/diving/water polo	22
Adult indoor volleyball	17
Adult soccer	14
Adult softball	14
Adult basketball	7
Adult roller hockey	6
More classes	6
Dance, ballroom	4
Adult football	3
Music	2
Golf league	2
Tennis	2

3. RESIDENT SURVEY - ADDITIONAL YOUTH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

- Which of the following youth recreational facilities would you like to have in the City of Newport Beach?
- What other type(s) of youth recreational facilities would you like to have, or have more of, in the City?

TABLE A-9:
YOUTH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WANTED AMONG THOSE WITH CHILDREN

	TOTAL (106)
FACILITIES	Responses as Percent of Total
Youth swimming/diving/water polo	52
Youth soccer	51
Youth gymnastics	41
Youth roller hockey/roller skating	37
Youth basketball	31
Youth baseball/softball	30
Youth track and field	27
Youth football	14

TABLE A-9: YOUTH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WANTED AMONG THOSE WITH CHILDREN	
	TOTAL (106)
FACILITIES	Responses as Percent of Total
More youth classes	7
Youth sailing/boating	5
Youth ice skating/hockey	5
Youth volleyball	3
Youth tennis	2
Youth chess club	2

4. RESIDENT SURVEY - OVERALL ADDITIONAL FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES:

- In your opinion, does the City of Newport Beach need more of the following:?

TABLE A-10: OVERALL ADDITIONAL FACILITIES/ACTIVITIES WANTED			
		Have Children in Recreational Activities?	
	TOTAL (245)	YES (106)	NO (139)
NEED MORE:	Responses as Percent of Total		
Recreational facilities for adults	36		
Recreational facilities for children	26	38*	17
Organized recreational facilities for adults	26	19	32*
Organized recreational facilities for children	22		
Recreational facilities for seniors	19		
Organized recreational facilities for seniors	15		
		* Significantly higher percentage	

5. COACHES SURVEY: FUTURE FACILITIES NEEDED:

- In your opinion, which of the following public recreational facilities will the City need, or need more of, in the future?

TABLE A-11:
COACHES SURVEY: ADDITIONAL FUTURE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES NEEDED

FACILITIES	TOTAL (99) Responses as Percent of Total
Soccer Fields, lighted/unlighted	70/63
Baseball/softball fields, lighted/unlighted	51/44
Roller rink/rollerblade facility	42
Gymnasium	41
Basketball courts	35
Bike paths	35
Jogging paths	30
Lighted tennis courts	29
Walking paths	28
Community pool	25
Tot lots	23
Public boat launching	22
Dog park	22
Volleyball courts	20
Golf driving range	19
Community sailing base	14
Handball/racketball courts	13
Track/athletic field	12

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